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Council panel OKs energy sale

- City's stake in Enwave Energy should be cashed in: City's CFO
- Environmentalists recoil at idea of selling 10 per cent of Hydro

Members of Mayor Rob Ford's executive committee have supported selling the city's 43 per cent interest in the heating and cooling company Enwave Energy, while putting off a decision on selling part of Toronto Hydro.

City finance staff had recommended selling 10 per cent of Hydro, which is wholly owned by the city, but the committee decided to give councillors more time by postponing that issue until early next year.

"I just want to make sure we're making a sound decision," said Coun. Jaye Robinson, who urged the delay so councillors can ask questions and consult with residents.

The city and pension fund OMERS jointly own Enwave, which provides steam for district heating of downtown buildings and cold deep-lake water for air conditioning. The company, which had a net income of $11.2 million last year, has been using its funds to build its network and hasn't been paying dividends to the owners.

The company needs more investment from the partners to further expand and the city doesn't have the money to invest, the committee was told. In fact, the asset should be sold to provide money for needed capital projects such as new streetcars.

"Our roads are falling apart, our community centre, our ice rinks, our swimming pools," said Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong, chair of the public works and infrastructure committee.

The city's chief financial officer, Cam Weldon, said council can hold on to the assets but it would have to look at cutting spending or taking on more debt that would risk a credit-rating downgrade, higher debt charges and property taxes.

"We believe that it's time to cash in our investment in Enwave and 10 per cent of our investment in Hydro because we need the money now," Weldon told the committee.

"We need the money to make those investments in those services the city of Toronto depends on every day, and in particular the TTC. We don't have an option."

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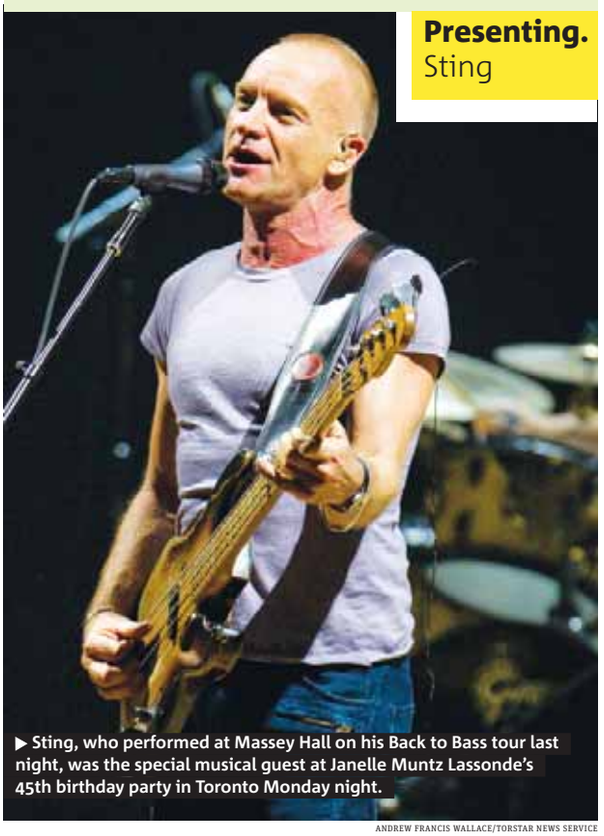
Hydro decision delay

- Hydro provides a steady stream of dividends totalling at least $25 million a year. They're expected to hit $30 million in 2012.
- The committee was told the city would be giving up only $3 million to $4 million in annual dividends by selling 10 per cent of Hydro.
- Opponents argued a partial sale would bring pressure to sell more, and eventually the public utility could end up completely in private hands.

Presenting. Sting



▶ Sting, who performed at Massey Hall on his Back to Bass tour last night, was the special musical guest at Janelle Muntz Lassonde's 45th birthday party in Toronto Monday night.

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Husband did it all for love

As a romantic gesture, Pierre Lassonde, 63, a legend in the mining industry, brought in Sting as the musical guest to his wife's party at Palais Royale. Sting is her "personal hero," Lassonde said.

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Party store hit with more suspicious packages

With bags under his eyes, Shawn Hamilton stood talking to a small contingent of cameramen in front of his Amazing Party Store in Etobicoke.

"How can someone do something like this?" he said, his store forced to close during Halloween, his busiest time of the year.

The discovery of a series of suspicious packages inside the store since Friday — the fifth, sixth and seventh were uncovered by Toronto police bomb squad officers yesterday — has now prompted an investigation by the organized crime unit and raised questions as to why a business selling Halloween costumes has become a target.

"The items are sophisticated and are capable of causing serious bodily harm or death," said Insp. Gerry Cashman.

"They are the real deal," he added, put together by someone who knows what he or she is doing.

At this point, police do not know how or when the packages got into the store. It is unknown if all the packages were planted at once or over time.

With 19 years in the party-supply business, Hamilton said he has never been targeted like this. He suspects a competitor may be responsible for planting the packages.

"It is business terrorism," he said.

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Holiday. Toys

▶ Six-year-old Jordan Piggot inspects a K'NEX Ferris Wheel toy at The Canadian Toy Association's annual Hot Toys for the Holidays preview, held at the Toronto Zoo yesterday.

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Stocking stuffers

Retro favourites and tech-driven playthings are among the hot holiday toys this year. The Canadian Toy Association's vice-chair, Kerry George, says classic dolls for girls like Cabbage Patch Kids are making a comeback, while motorized toys remain favourites among boys. George said companies are also introducing their own versions of kid-sized tablets reminiscent of the popular iPad.

Libraries safe from closure: Committee

Library board has approved measures resulting in 5.7 per cent cut, but needs to find further $7.3M in savings to reach mayor's target of 10 per cent

There aren't any immediate plans to close any libraries, including the beloved 104-year-old Yorkville branch.

That much was made clear yesterday at the budget committee meeting of the Toronto Library Board, which makes recommendations to the board as a whole.

Also shot down were a string of proposed cost-cutting or money-raising recommendations such as charging for library cards, eliminating computers from libraries, cutting the size of libraries, and not bothering to spend time or money collecting fines.

"That's a crazy idea."

BOARD MEMBER ROSS PARRY'S REACTION TO THE SUGGESTION THAT THE LIBRARY STOP COLLECTING FINES

Board member Ross Parry asked the meeting to clarify what they were not recommending to quell public fears.

His comment came after a member of the public gallery interrupted the meeting to give the members a tongue-lashing.

"We don't understand what's going on," she called out, adding that she showed up to find out if the doors were closing on her much-loved neighbourhood Yorkville library.

"That's emphatically not what we're doing," board member Kim Korinek said.

"Then you should say that," the interrupter replied.

On Parry's suggestion, the budget committee underlined that it doesn't support closing any branches or several other of the 23 suggestions to cut costs and/or raise money.

No one took ownership of the ideas from board members that were sent to chief librarian Jane Pyper, only to be shot down.

Vice-chair Mike Foderick repeatedly called on members to pursue cost-cutting with a sense of urgency, so that branches aren't closed or library hours aren't cut despite their best wishes.

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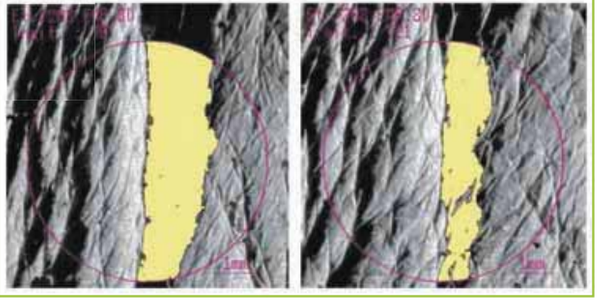

Ford says he'll repay city for cards

Cost to taxpayers for gold-embossed business cards up to four times higher than basic cards made by city

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▶ Mayor Rob Ford

Mayor Rob Ford, under criticism for outsourcing the printing of business cards for himself and his staff to his family's printing firm, now says he will repay the city.

Ford's press secretary Adrienne Batra told reporters Monday that Ford will give the city clerk's office a cheque for $1,579.15 to cover the cost of 20,600 business cards printed by Deco Label & Tags.

Ford's brother, Coun. Doug Ford, defended the outsourcing as recently as Sunday, saying critics were "picking small hairs" when they should focus on money the mayor saved the city by getting councillors to reduce their office budgets and his own.

The clerk's office said yesterday morning that Ford's cheque had not yet arrived.

The Toronto Star revealed Friday that Ford outsourced the printing to the firm owned by his family, and directed the city to pay the invoice from his office budget.

Chris MacDonald, a visiting scholar at the University of Toronto's Clarkson Centre for Business Ethics, said the mayor directing city business to his family company is "an actual, bona fide conflict of interest."

Under the city's expense policy, councillors can choose an outside printer. There doesn't appear to be an explicit rule against directing the business to a firm in which they have an interest.

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Donor. Namesake

▶ Pierre Lassonde, chairman of Franco Nevada Corporation, right, cuts a piece of cake shaped like York University's new school of engineering yesterday with Janusz Kozinski, dean of the faculty of science and engineering at York.

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Donor helps engineer new school

After hiring Sting for his wife's 45th birthday party on Monday, mining mogul Pierre Lassonde gave York University a cool $25 million yesterday to bring its dream of an engineering school to life. York is putting its message of thanks not in a bottle, but in the very name of the new Lassonde School of Engineering, slated to open in 2020 with a focus that stretches beyond the mechanics of engineering to embrace what the donor calls "new renaissance engineers." Lassonde's donation to York sparked gifts from the university and Queen's Park that raised the full $100 million needed for the new school.

Parents protest at school over death threats

More than 150 parents and community members rallied outside a Mississauga elementary school yesterday to voice concerns over death threats that were sent from the school to a parent.

Parents of students at Oscar Peterson Public School, many of whom chanted "Get that predator out," told the Toronto Star they are still shocked about the early-October threats.

They asked why they weren't told until after a story appeared in the Toronto Star on Friday.

"Was it a coincidence that they sent a letter home with my son on Friday, after the cat was out of the bag?" asked Yuvi, who did not give his last name.

The emailed threats were sent over the course of two weeks to Ashoak Grewal, whose two children have since been pulled out of the school. The last, sent the second week of October, targeted his daughter.

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▶ A parents group holds a rally outside Oscar Peterson Public School in Mississauga in response to death and rape threats sent from a Peel board computer at the school.

The Peel District School Board confirmed police had traced the source of the emails to a board computer or computers at the school.

Parents, calling the unknown perpetrator a pedophile, circulated a copy of the last threatening email sent to Grewal. It states: "good to see you going to school today. you daughter is beautiful. can't wait to touch her and make her moan...school cannot help." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Board response

- Board spokesperson Brian Woodland said the death threats, which have been investigated by police, are not a broad community issue. "This is a specific issue related to individual parents."
- He said the letter informing parents of the threats wasn't sent out earlier "out of respect for the police investigation."

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U.S. millionaire guilty of bribery

TIED TO EX-GOVERNOR. Chicago businessman William Cellini was found guilty yesterday of conspiring to shake down the producer of Million Dollar Baby, one of the last chapters of the legal saga tied to disgraced former governor Rod Blagojevich.

Cellini was the last person slated to go on trial as part of the Blagojevich investigation. He faces up to 30 years in prison. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Shootings rock Big Easy

'CULTURE OF VIOLENCE'. Sixteen people were shot and at least two killed in a bloody Halloween in New Orleans that saw gunfire on Bourbon Street, the tourist hot spot.

Mayor Mitch Landrieu said a "culture of violence" that involves young black men with illegal guns has plagued the city and must be stopped. Gun violence has soared in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Landrieu said New Orleans' per capita murder rate is the highest in the nation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sudan repels rebel attack

CIVIL WAR. Sudanese government forces killed more than 100 rebels who launched an attack in South Kordufan state yesterday, officials said. Rebels with the Sudan People's Liberation Army consider themselves underrepresented in Sudan's government and frequently attack government troops. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Today UNESCO, tomorrow statehood?

Palestinians hope membership in UN cultural agency will 'open doors' to other organizations

Joining UNESCO will "open the door" to joining 16 other UN agencies within weeks, the Palestinians' senior envoy in Geneva said yesterday

Ibrahim Khraishi said Palestinian diplomats are planning to capitalize on Monday's landslide vote to allow the Palestinians into UNESCO by preparing papers to join the other UN agencies and several other international organizations.

"It's our target for (us to join) the international organizations and the UN agencies," he said, adding that the UNESCO vote sets a precedent to allowing such broad memberships.

"We are working on it, one by one," he said. "Because it's now precedent that we are a full member in one of the biggest and one of the most important UN agencies, UNESCO."

In Jerusalem, Yigal Palmor, spokesman for Israel's Foreign Ministry, said the Palestinian strategy not only undermined the need for peace talks, but also could cause grave damage to the workings of the United Nations. He said that by joining more UN bodies, the Palestinians would try to "hijack" these committees and press an anti-Israel agenda. "There will be huge collateral damage for the working of international institutions," he said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Group dynamics

- **The Palestinians have** triggered a long-standing congressional ban on U.S. funding to UN bodies that recognize Palestine as a state before an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal is reached.
- **Joining UNESCO, for** example, could give the Palestinians an advantage in joining the UN World Intellectual Property Organization, whose rules say membership is "equally open" to those already a member of other UN specialized agencies.

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▶ Palestinians distribute sweets in Gaza City to celebrate UNESCO's approval yesterday of the Palestinian membership. The United States cut its funding to the UN's cultural arm after a majority of member states defied American and Israeli warnings and voted to allow Palestinians full membership in the organization.

Israel stands ready for military action

Israel has authorized its military to take all necessary steps to stop rocket fire from Gaza, including a ground operation, an Israeli military official said yesterday, as Egypt worked on a truce and said Israel had agreed to delay stepping up its response.

The Israeli government decision stopped well short of ordering tanks to roll into Gaza, and it appeared unlikely that would happen, as rocket fire all but stopped over the past day. The official said the decision authorized the military to act in accordance with the severity of Palestinian attacks, meaning that a ground offensive would be ordered only after massive rocket fire.

Egypt's ambassador to the Palestinian Authority said Egypt obtained an Israeli pledge to hold its fire while efforts were under way to persuade Palestinian militants to stop the rocket barrages.

This is the third case of Egyptian diplomatic involvement with Israel over the last month, after two prisoner exchanges.

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Foot-in-mouth Rick goofs again

He plays up a fake quote — from a fake Canadian

Rick Perry's fumbling, stumbling campaign to win the U.S. Republican presidential nomination can add another gaffe to its growing roster.

In an effort to discredit the Occupy Wall Street protesters, the Texas governor ridiculed a quote in a Canadian newspaper.

Trouble is, the quote was fake.

It was in an essay clearly labelled satire in the Globe and Mail.

Attributed to "Jeremy, 38," from the Occupy Toronto protests, it cited the long hours worked by Bay Street's "rich bankers" and ended: "That's the power of greed."

In New Hampshire last week, Perry made reference to the quote, which he said was sent to him by his son.

"I guess greed just makes you work hard," Perry told the crowd.

Essay author Mark Schatzker said in Toronto: "If he gets in, I am due for a major appointment of some sort, like secretary of state. This is a lifetime achievement. Everything's downhill from here."

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The quote that tripped up Rick Perry

"It's weird protesting on Bay Street. You get there at 9 a.m. and the rich bankers who you want to hurl insults at and change their world view have been at work for two hours already. And then when it's time to go, they're still there. I guess that's why they call them the one per cent. I mean, who wants to work those kinds of hours? That's the power of greed."

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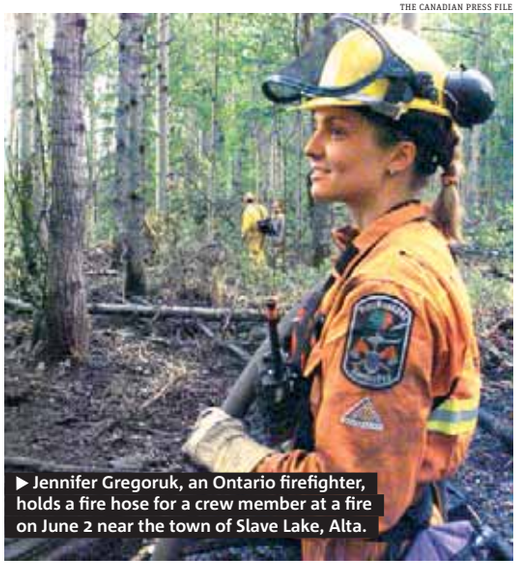

▶ Jennifer Gregoruk, an Ontario firefighter, holds a fire hose for a crew member at a fire on June 2 near the town of Slave Lake, Alta.

Arson behind Alberta fire: Government

Blaze that devastated town of Slave Lake had price tag of $700M

Dwayne Verschoor can't imagine why someone would have wanted to spark a forest fire that nearly wiped out his small Alberta town.

But the Slave Lake resident wants the culprit caught and punished.

"The most you can do would be put him in jail," said Verschoor. "I would string him up on Main Street — but we're supposed to be civilized people."

The Alberta government announced yesterday that an unknown arsonist recklessly or deliberately ignited the raging forest fire that reduced a third of Slave Lake to rubble on May 15. The blaze destroyed 400 homes and businesses and left 2,000 people homeless.

"It's extremely disappointing and my heart goes out to the people that lost homes or property."
FRANK OBERLE, ALBERTA MINISTER OF SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES

Frank Oberle, minister of sustainable resources, said the file has been turned over to the RCMP.

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INVESTIGATION

Smuggling crime ring busted

An international crime ring that allegedly smuggled numerous shipments of cigarettes and drug-making materials into Canada has been dismantled, RCMP and border officials said yesterday.

Seven people in Ontario and one in British Columbia have been arrested and warrants are out for two more people from Vancouver, authorities told a news conference.

The investigation began in 2009 when a sea container holding counterfeit cigarettes destined for Toronto were seized at the Port of Vancouver.

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Cancer leading cause of death in all provinces, report shows

With heart disease, responsible for over half of deaths in Canada in 2008

A Statistics Canada report shows cancer as the leading cause of death in every province and territory for the first time.

The agency says heart disease was the second-leading cause of death in every province and territory in 2008 — except Nunavut, where suicide ranked second.

Cancer accounted for 30 per cent of all deaths in 2008, followed by heart disease (21 per cent) and stroke (6).

Ranked in order, the other seven leading causes of death were chronic lower respiratory diseases, accidents (unintentional injuries), diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, influenza and pneumonia, kidney disease and suicide.

StatsCan says these 10 leading causes accounted for 77 per cent of all deaths in 2008, compared with 80 per cent in 2000.

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Political. Couple

▶ Christine Elliott, pictured here with her husband, Jim Flaherty, flatly denied a newspaper report suggesting she was ready to resign just weeks after being re-elected so Flaherty could challenge current PC Leader Tim Hudak.

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Wife denies she's quitting

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Egypt's rulers grow bolder

Movement that ousted Hosni Mubarak has turned critical of military rule

Growing in confidence after eight months in power, Egypt's military generals appear more determined than ever to crush protests.

This week, they detained Alaa Abdel-Fattah, a blogger whose activism made him an icon of the anti-Mubarak uprising, and — in an accusation that was derided by fellow activists — said he was to blame for stirring up violence at an October protest where 27 people were killed when soldiers cracked down.

At the same time, the military leadership has been drumming up an image of itself as the nation's foremost patriots, even as it steps up moves to silence critics, leaning on managers of media outlets to tone down commentary on the army.

Image

- Egypt's generals have worked since February to build a perception that they were main partners in the uprising.
- The youth activists, however, counter that image by pointing out that troops stood by and watched as Mubarak loyalists attacked protesters and began to detain and try protesters.

Activists worry the military aims to hold power for as long as possible to give itself time to create favourable conditions for one of its own to run for president in elections.

In what many saw as a trial balloon, posters went up last week in Cairo and Alexandria voicing support for the head of the military, Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, as president. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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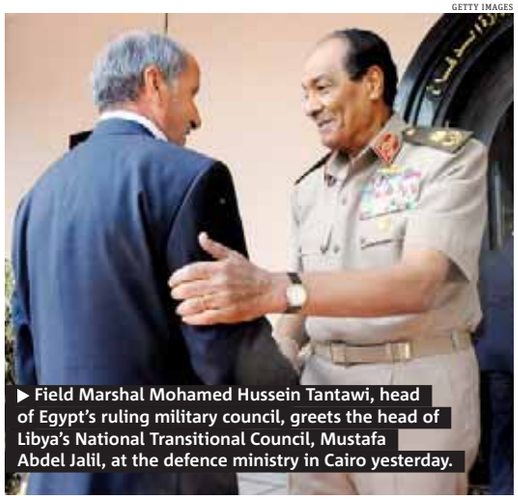

▶ Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, head of Egypt's ruling military council, greets the head of Libya's National Transitional Council, Mustafa Abdel Jalil, at the defence ministry in Cairo yesterday.

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They've spent 520 days 'travelling' to Mars and back On Nov. 4, the European Space Agency's astronauts will touch down on Earth again Their experiences in simulating a manned voyage in Moscow will help space agencies plan humankind's first real Mars mission

Mars pioneers land in Moscow

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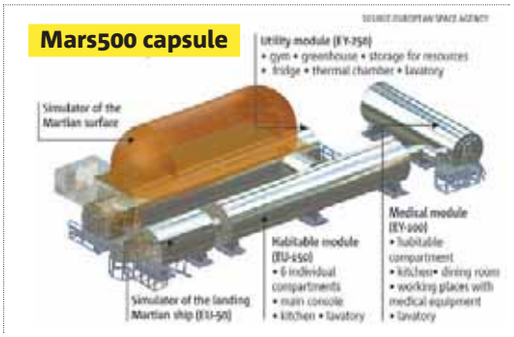
"I'll go outside and take a big breath enjoying the warmth of the sun!" That's Romain Charles talking about his arrival on Nov. 4. It doesn't matter that he'll land in Moscow, which has almost no sun at this time of the year. Charles has spent the past 520 days travelling to Mars in a space capsule — with no sun.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Simulator of the landing Martian ship (EU-50)

Charles, a 31-year-old Frenchman, and Diego Urbina, a 26-year-old Italian, form the nucleus of the Mars500 crew. On June 3 last year, they began a simulated Mars journey, conducted in Moscow by the European Space Agency.

"There aren't any extreme effects on our bodies, except the effects of the lack of sun on your skin and our physical fitness, which needs a lot of work because one doesn't move a lot in a space capsule," Urbina tells Metro in an email conveyed by ESA Mission Control.

Though Charles and Urbina haven't left Moscow, their journey is crucial. "The farthest humans have been is the moon, and that mission took a week," notes ESA astronaut Christer Fuglesang. "Going to Mars takes 18 months. The results from Mars500 will be used in development of hardware. And we've learned about the psychological effects of being together in an enclosed space for so long."

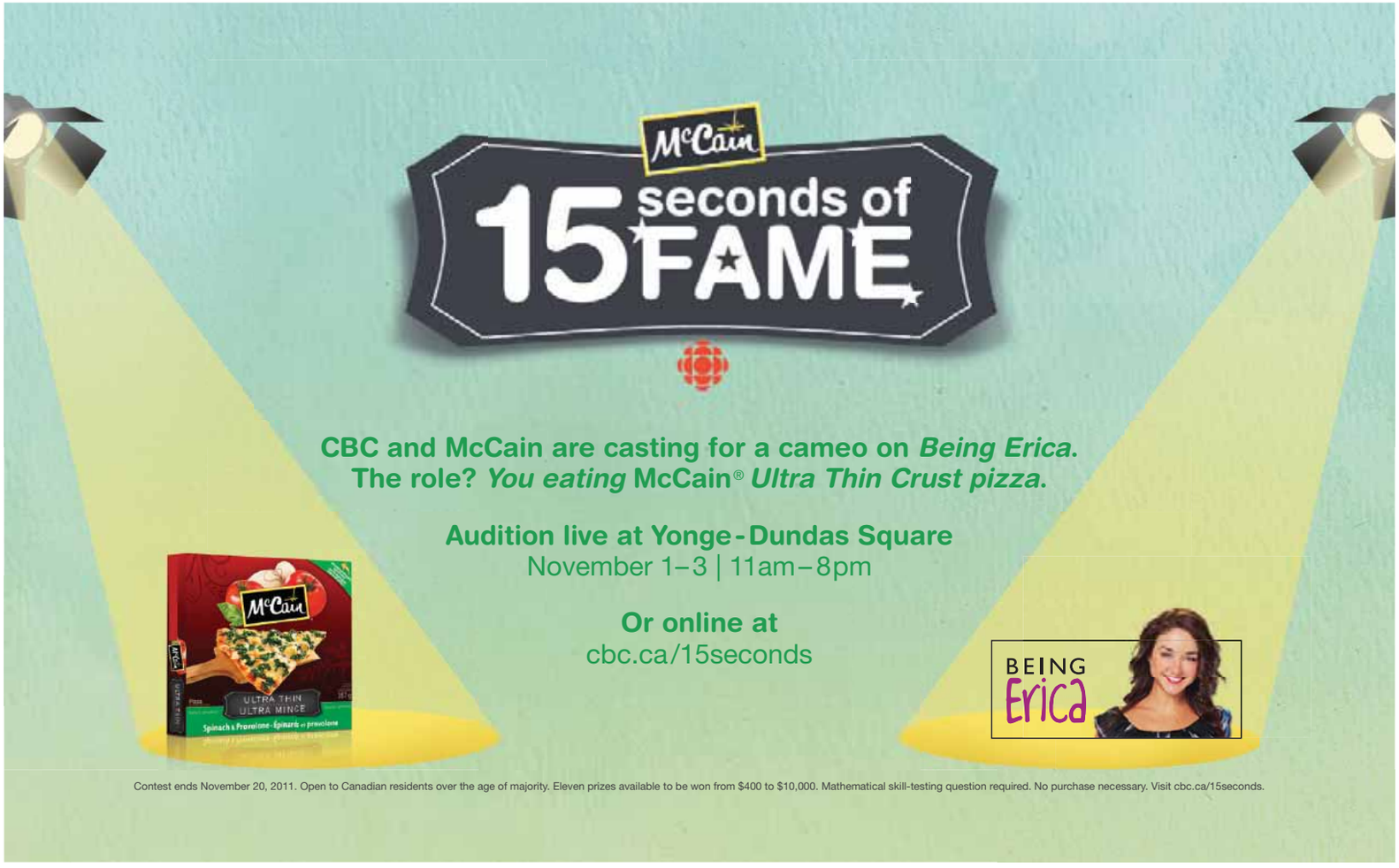
"We have to be absolutely certain that we've thought of everything before we send people to Mars."
GILLES CLEMENT, PROFESSOR OF SPACE LIFE SCIENCES, INTERNATIONAL SPACE UNIVERSITY

Charles and Urbina have been accompanied by a relay of three crews. The astronauts carry out scientific experiments, grow food and have conducted walks on Mars, all the while communicating with mission control.

Indeed, establishing patterns of communication with a crew up to 400 million kilometres away is one of the purposes of Mars500. So is learning exactly what's required on an 18-month trip with no stops.

Equipped with the results from Mars500, space agencies could launch a Mars mission within several years. The technology is already available.

The question facing politicians is: Is Mars worth the expense?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▶ V means victory, Martians! Diego Urbina performs a walk on a simulated Mars.

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▶ The crew in a kung fu mood.

Fighting boredom during long flight

Romain Charles, Diego Urbina and three changing crews spend their days the same way a Mars astronaut would: Living in a small space, carrying out research and conducting Mars walks. Then there's the spare time.

"It can get way boring if you let (the) monotony get the best of you," reports Urbina. "Communications aren't live when we are far from Earth, and when we are close enough to Earth to have live communication, unlike the ISS, we don't have an Internet connection or the possibility of calling home."

Instead the crew reads books, plays music and watches movies. "Every once in a while — a crew favourite — we play computer games on the local network," Urbina said.

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Syria planting land mines

Explosives to prevent dissidents from crossing the border into Lebanon

Syria has planted land mines along parts of its border with Lebanon, further sealing itself off from the world and showing just how deeply shaken Bashar Assad's regime has become since an uprising began nearly eight months ago.

Although Assad's hold on power is firm, the 46-year-old eye doctor is taking increasingly desperate measures to safeguard his grip on the country of 22 million people at the heart of the Arab world.

The mines are the latest sign that Syria is working to prevent Lebanon from becoming a safe haven for the Syrian opposition as the uprising continues and the death toll mounts.

The UN says that about 3,000 people have been killed by security forces in Syria since March when the protests escalated into an uprising.

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France. Protest

▶ A demonstrator draws in front of riot police officers yesterday during a protest in Nice, France.

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A message for the G20

Thousands of protesters converged yesterday on the French Riviera to urge the G20 leading economies to focus on spreading global wealth more fairly.

Artist back in gallery where she gave birth

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▶ Marni Kotak

Marni Kotak gave the performance of her life when she gave birth to baby Ajax in a New York City art gallery last week. Now they're back.

The 36-year-old performance artist said in an interview yesterday that the birth-as-art experience turned out exactly how she'd envisioned.

She said most of her audience of 20 people hung around for hours afterward. They held the baby, talked about their shared experience and got her food. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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How to succeed in the sex trade

Sweet talk, not threats, will keep 'staff,' officer says

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A mind for business, a measure of online savvy and a mendacious ability to manipulate using influence, not force.

These are among the attributes some who operate sex-trade enterprises share, says a report by Sgt. Gene Bowers, a veteran Winnipeg police morals unit investigator.

The Crown requested Bowers file a statement of opinion regarding the case of a woman awaiting sentencing for running a Wolseley-area bawdy house.

The underworld

For more than a decade, Sgt. Gene Bowers has been the Winnipeg go-to expert for police when it comes to probing the local sex-trade underworld.

"There are a number of overt and oppressive strategies that bawdy-house keepers, escort services, massage parlour owners and pimps can use to procure people into prostitution or keep them from leaving the sex-trade," Bowers said in his report.

But often, a common tactic operators employ to keep people working for them is to befriend them and let them believe they're engaged in a joint business relationship, he said.

"The relationship is exploitative but appears to be reciprocal on the surface," he went on.

"As a result, threats, violence or overt tactics are not required to have individuals continue on prostituting themselves while willingly turning over their money."

Ultimately, it's the business operator who comes out on top because the commodity in question — sexual services — can be continually sold with little effort or cost to the operator, he said.

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▶ Andrew Schiestel wants more people to get in on the spirit of giving.

Handing out the big bucks

London, Ont., man issues challenge meant to spur some goodness Event picks up strong support online

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Think $100 doesn't go very far in today's economy?

Andrew Schiestel is out to prove you wrong.

The 29-year-old Londoner has laid down what's rather appropriately called The $100 Challenge. The title, Schiestel said, pretty much sums up the idea.

"All we ask is that you show up with $100 in your hands and a willingness to be overly generous," he said earlier this week, after launching the challenge on Facebook.

Schiestel invited more than 1,000 on the social-media site but said the actual event — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 3 at Joe Kool's in London, Ont. — is open to anyone.

"We would love it if at least 100 people showed up," he said.

That's how many people participated in last year's challenge, a do-good effort that practically started by accident.

The ball got rolling, Schiestel said, after he blogged about giving a homeless man $100. From there, some of Schiestel's friends got involved and bought toys, lunch pails and other items for a refugee family from South Africa.

Once that story hit the web, more people wanted to get in on the spirit of giving, prompting Schiestel to issue Londoners the formal challenge.

"It just went viral," he said.

While he used his $100 to buy drinks for people at a Starbucks, other approaches included buying pizza for people staying at the men's mission, dropping $20 bills from the second floor of a local mall and giving away $100 worth of bus passes.

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▶ Maulana Sami-ul-Haq

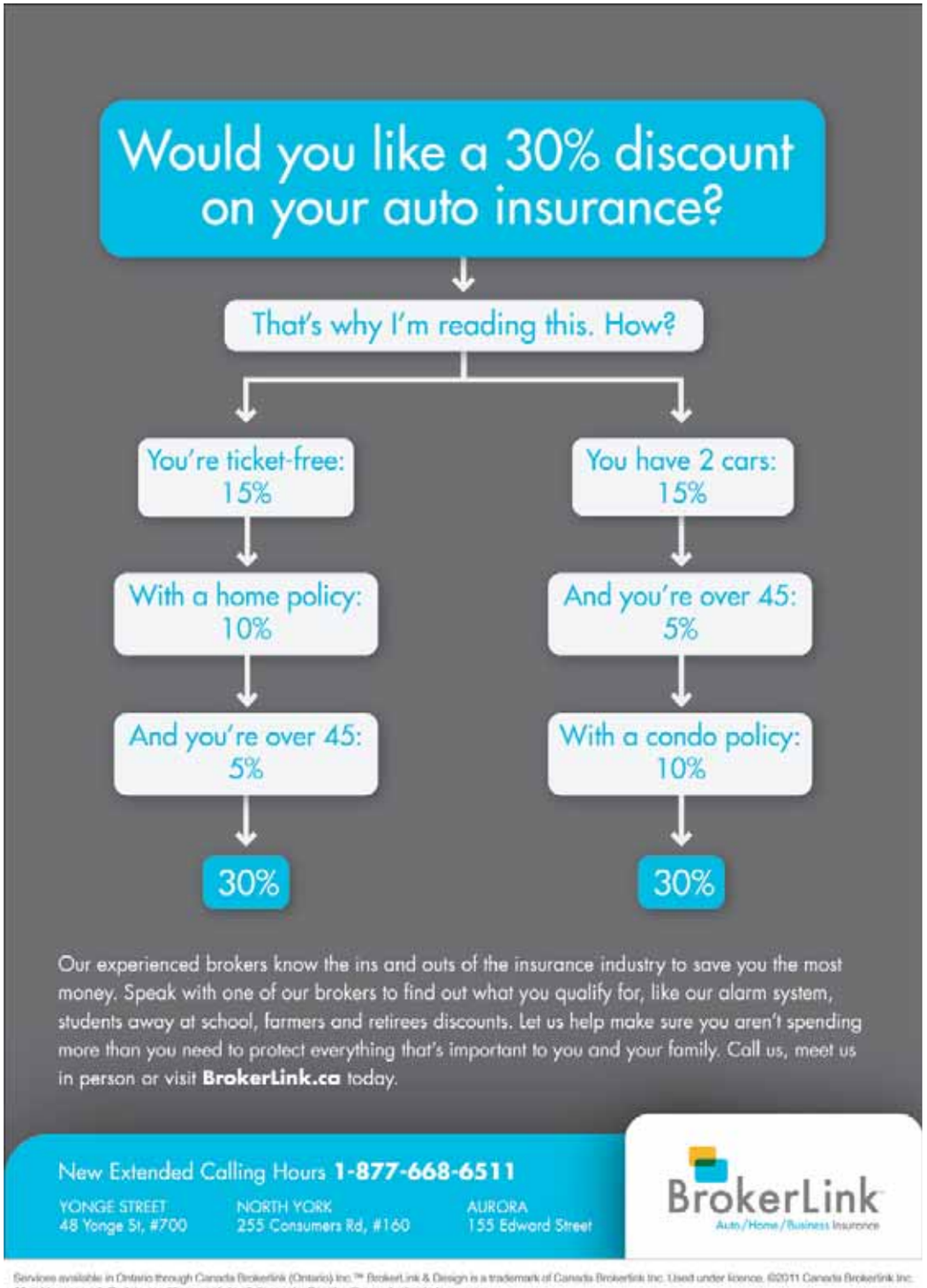
Taliban ready for peace talks?

‘There must be some way out,’ says ‘father of the Taliban’

At the hard-line Islamic school that spawned a generation of Afghan Taliban leaders, the top cleric still lectures his students to go to Afghanistan to fight Americans. But he says he’s willing to help bring insurgents to peace talks.

The offer by the influential “father of the Taliban,” Maulana Sami-ul-Haq raises some hope for American attempts to find a negotiated end to the 10-year-old war — not necessarily because he will indeed be brought in as a mediator, but because it gives a sign there is willingness among the Taliban and their allies to talk, something put in doubt by months of setbacks in efforts to start talks.

America’s public commitment to peace talks is strong as it works to bring the bulk of its troops home from Afghanistan by 2014. It has called on Pakistan to bring insurgents into the process. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Lawsuit filed over deadly air-race crash

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▶ Medics help injured bystanders out of a helicopter Sept. 16 in Reno, Nev.

The family of a Texas man killed when a racing aircraft crashed into spectators in the Nevada city of Reno has filed a $25 million US lawsuit against the pilot’s family, a mechanic on the Second World War aircraft and the organization that hosted the event.

The lawsuit filed yesterday in Collin County, Texas, is believed to be the first stemming from the Sept. 16 crash of pilot Jimmy Leeward’s P-51D Mustang during the National Championship Air Races.

Eleven people died, including Leeward. At least 74 were hurt.

Attorney Tony Buzbee filed the lawsuit on behalf of Dr. Sezen Altug, the widow of dead spectator Craig Salerno, and their two children, ages 6 and 8.

“There are two groups of wrongdoers,” said Buzbee. “Those who pushed the limits of physics on the plane, being risk takers and reckless without regard for the people who might be watching them, and those who promoted and profited from hosting the show.”

Leeward’s son, Kent Leeward, declined comment on the lawsuit, which also names Texas-based mechanic Richard Shanholtzer Jr., the Reno Air Racing Association, Leeward Racing Inc. and family corporations in Florida, and Aeroacoustics Inc., an aircraft parts maker in Washington state.

Reno Air Racing Association’s chief executive, Michael Houghton, said he hadn’t seen the lawsuit but offered “condolences to the families and fans that are affected by this devastating tragedy.”

“We fully expect a number of lawsuits to be filed,” Houghton told The Associated Press. “This is the first.”

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OSC uncovers auditing problems during probe

Inquiry is looking at 24 emerging market companies
Ultimate goal is to protect investors, says OSC chair

The Ontario Securities Commission's probe into emerging market companies — which began in the wake of the Sino-Forest scandal — has found some disturbing systemic problems, OSC chair Howard Wetston said yesterday.

The probe found difficulty for Canadian regulators in accessing audit information from overseas auditors, governance challenges, and "audit procedures that may be impacted by business practices in overseas jurisdictions."

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▶ Howard Wetston

The problems make it much harder for regulators to do their jobs, Wetston said.

"We are trying to determine whether these emerging market issuers, as well as those involved in bringing (them) to market and auditing their financial statements, provided the required disclosure and conducted the required due diligence," said Wetston. "It is critical that advisers have adequate knowledge of the emerging market issuer, its business practices and the risks of operating in foreign markets," Wetston said.

Trading in Sino-Forest shares is on hold until January under an OSC order. The order stated the company appeared to be engaging in acts it knew or reasonably ought to have known to "perpetuate a fraud."

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Health. Tech

▶ A Toyota Motor Corp. staff member plays a TV soccer game as she demonstrates a "balance training assist" robot in Tokyo yesterday.

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Keep your balance using a robot

The event took place at a Toyota showroom in Tokyo, displaying an experimental hi-tech health care robot. The mobility aid works like a skateboard to help people relearn balance.

Lawyer gave warning to News of the World

A legal adviser to Rupert Murdoch's newspapers warned the company three years ago there was overwhelming evidence that several senior journalists at the News of the World tabloid were using illegal methods, according to documents released yesterday.

The documents bolster claims that high-ranking executives of Murdoch's global media empire were aware that phone hacking was more widespread.

British lawmakers investigating the hacking scandal that prompted the arrest of over a dozen journalists and forced Murdoch to shut down, released a copy of the opinion provided to Murdoch's company and lawyers by lawyer Michael Silverleaf in 2008.

In it, Silverleaf says there is "overwhelming evidence of the involvement of a number of senior ... journalists in the illegal inquiries."

At the time, the newspaper was being sued by soccer players' association chief Gordon Taylor over alleged phone hacking.

Silverleaf said "at least three" journalists appeared to have been "intimately involved" in illegal research. In addition to spying on Taylor, Silverleaf noted "substantial surrounding material" documenting the extent to which reporters tried to gain illegal access to information about other individuals.

The newspaper later settled with Taylor out of court for $1.1 million US.

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News in brief

Yahoo to buy Interclick Inc.

ACQUISITION. Internet company Yahoo Inc. has agreed to buy online advertising network Interclick Inc. for $270 million in cash. The deal is expected to help Yahoo target advertisements online. Interclick's technology will allow Yahoo "to expand its targeting and data capabilities to deliver campaigns" more effectively, Yahoo said.

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Google ebooks enters market

EREADING. Google launched its ebooks platform in Canada yesterday, providing more competition for Amazon and Kobo. Titles purchased will be stored online and accessible on many devices, including Android and Apple tablets and smartphones, PCs and compatible e-readers.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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Oil	Natural gas	Gold
- $1.00 US ($92.19 US)	$3.781 (- 15.0¢)	$1,711.80 (- $13.40)

Respect for referendum: Carney

Bank of Canada governor says plebiscite in Greece may build support needed for austerity

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney says he respects the Greek prime minister's controversial call for a referendum on a new bailout package, saying the vote could be useful if it helps build support for necessary austerity.

But within hours, the question of whether such a vote would take place was up in the air as members of George Papandreou's government threatened to revolt over the surprise announcement.

With events in a flux, a confidence vote was planned for Friday raising the prospect of a government collapse and more uncertainty over last week's European deal meant to simultaneously bail out Greece and backstop banks.

The new crisis adds even more pressure on G20 leaders to bring a sense of calm to situation and restore market confidence that policy-makers know what they are doing.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty described the situation as "fragile and uncertain," to the Commons finance committee.

Meanwhile, Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said the impact of the Greek debt crisis on financial markets shows "how interdependent the world economies are."

Carney said that he still expects bailout measures will contain the situation — "but that's different than resolving the issues, (which) ... is going to take years." Details still need to be ironed out and Europe must implement the initiatives, and there may still be additional measures needed, he cautioned.

Markets will be looking for G20 leaders to unveil more details at the two-day summit in Cannes, starting Thursday, where Carney is to be confirmed as new head of the Financial Stability Board, placing the Canadian central banker at the forefront of measures to reform global financial markets.

Carney told the committee the European debt crisis remains the biggest concern for the global economy as well as Canada's.

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PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

That's it.

I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore.

Today, the news wires are clogged with the pathetic denouement of the Kardashian marriage. Kim, famous for nothing, dissolved her $10-million wedding 72 days after she and collateral damage Kris Humphries collected a cool $17.8 million for royalties from the vastly overblown event.

How do I know all this? All I had to do was go to my home page, iGoogle, and there were 2,968 Kardashian stories available for my edification.

At the same time Syria put land mines along the border with Lebanon, but that was a real yawner warranting a mere 360 articles. Do the math. That's 10 times more articles about Kim Kardashian than impending war between Syria and Lebanon.

"But enough about Kim Kardashian's $10-million phoney marriage, which could feed the one billion people on this planet who go hungry every night. That's just wrong."

This much ado about nothing comes at a time when journalists are whining about how our precious profession is being twittered to death by ducks. The truth is, what's really killing the news is a serious overdose of Kim Kardashian.

Of course, there wouldn't be any Kim Kardashian news if the public didn't want it. What's wrong with you people? Had enough of Jennifer Aniston?

Still, I wonder about all those otherwise grownup professionals who filed copy about the world's foremost phoney and her feckless boy-toy. It reminds me of the Richard Brautigan poem I Feel Horrible. She Doesn't: "I wander around the house like a sewing machine that's just finished sewing a turd to a garbage can lid."

As a protest against this outrage against humanity, I will Occupy the Internet until it stops.

I don't want to hear any more mealy mouthed arguments for "celebrity" journalism and "reality" TV, the Kardashian spawning ground.

I don't want to hear any more nonsense about how journalism is threatened by technology or the Mayan Calendar or global warming. It's threatened by bad choices. All we have to do is stop writing about Kim Kardashian. And other pointless phenomena.

I'm OK with confining Justin Bieber and Jennifer Aniston to the entertainment pages, although the actual form of entertainment has yet to be determined. But enough about Kim Kardashian's $10-million phoney marriage, which could feed the one billion people on this planet who go hungry every night. That's just wrong.

I know, it's hard to Occupy the Internet, as that's the whole point of the Internet. There's no there there. But that doesn't stop Kim Kardashian, who does it every day.

So it won't stop me either. This is my tent. I'm staying until they drag me away.

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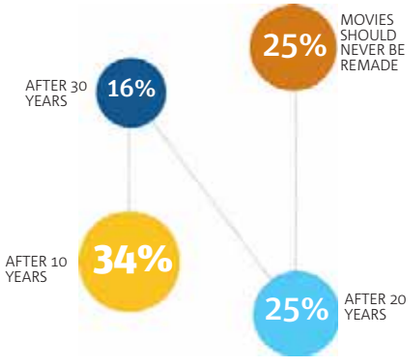

Local tweets

- **@DuncanJ_ Cameron:** One reason why I love #harbordvillage ! Pumpkin festival! #toronto.
- **@waterlilyto:** Looks like a pumpkin choir this year at #ChristiePits. So awesome, and still time to come down to see it.
- **@KimberlyAsal:** Elderly man upon seeing a badass pumpkin in Sorauren Park: "oh my glory!".
- **@carducciz:** And the beard and mustache are coming off... #movember
- **@EmilyFegan:** To all the men, if your not raising money, your mustache doesn't count! So shave! Or better yet go get sponsors! #Movember #gross
- **@BrianBurkeGM:** Congrats to Tyler Seguin on being named NHL 1st star of the month. Whats that? It was Kessel? Damn right it was b----es! I'm awesome! #Leafs
- **@AndrewBravener:** Should I grow a huge beard for November? I can't do Movember, because this is what I look like with a 'stache
- **@FarizMohamed:** Goodbye clean shaven upper-lip. Hello dirty stache #Movember

Letters

Human sexuality is a wonderful and complex phenomenon and we can't always easily answer questions like "Am I gay?" or "Am I bisexual?" without deeper introspection. If you have identified your sexual orientation, and you are gay or lesbian, you may be struggling to come to terms with it.

In Dr. Richard Niolon's coming-out process he identifies five stages a person can follow:

1. Self-recognition as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT).
2. Disclosure to others.
3. Socialization with other LGBT.
4. Positive self-identification.
5. Integration and acceptance, where you are open about your sexuality to yourself, even if you prefer being discreet about it.

The most difficult part of this five-step program is Step 1 — acknowledging and accepting your sexual orientation.

While the Canadian law is extremely supportive of gay and lesbian rights, in the end, psychological and emotional support are equally important.

ALEX SANGHA
SOCIAL WORKER
DELTA, B.C.

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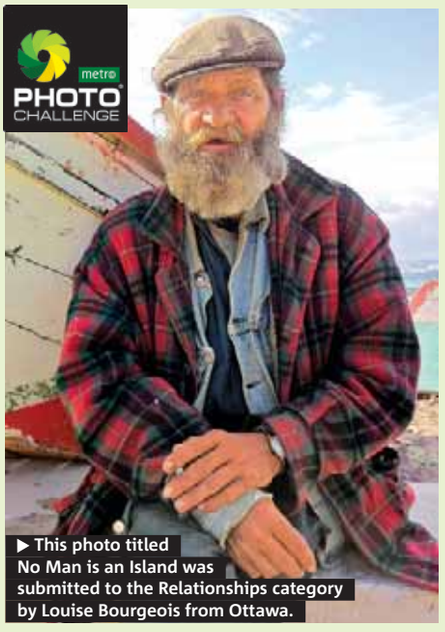

▶ This photo titled No Man is an Island was submitted to the Relationships category by Louise Bourgeois from Ottawa.

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WEIRD NEWS

Resorts have gone to the dogs

You are spending the holidays with Aunt Nellie in Kansas. Your dog will be staying in a hotel suite called Neiman Barcus with a flat-screen TV. There might be surf lessons, catered meals, a massage, pawdicure, spa bath and photo shoot.

Boarding your pet has changed a lot over the past decade. If money is no object, there is no end to the extravagances you can order for your pet. The Barkley Pet Hotel & Day Spa — which really does have a Neiman Barcus suite — is a one-of-a-kind animal funhouse

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▶ Yorkshire terrier Betsey Johnson

in Westlake Village, northwest of Los Angeles. You can rent a Serenity Suite for $44 a night or reserve a storefront suite on Rodeo Drive or Hollywood Boulevard (they start at $72.50 a night). Add-ons include day-camp sessions, limousine pickup and delivery, surf lessons, charm school, a mud mask, obedience training, holiday fur-dyeing and filet mignon.

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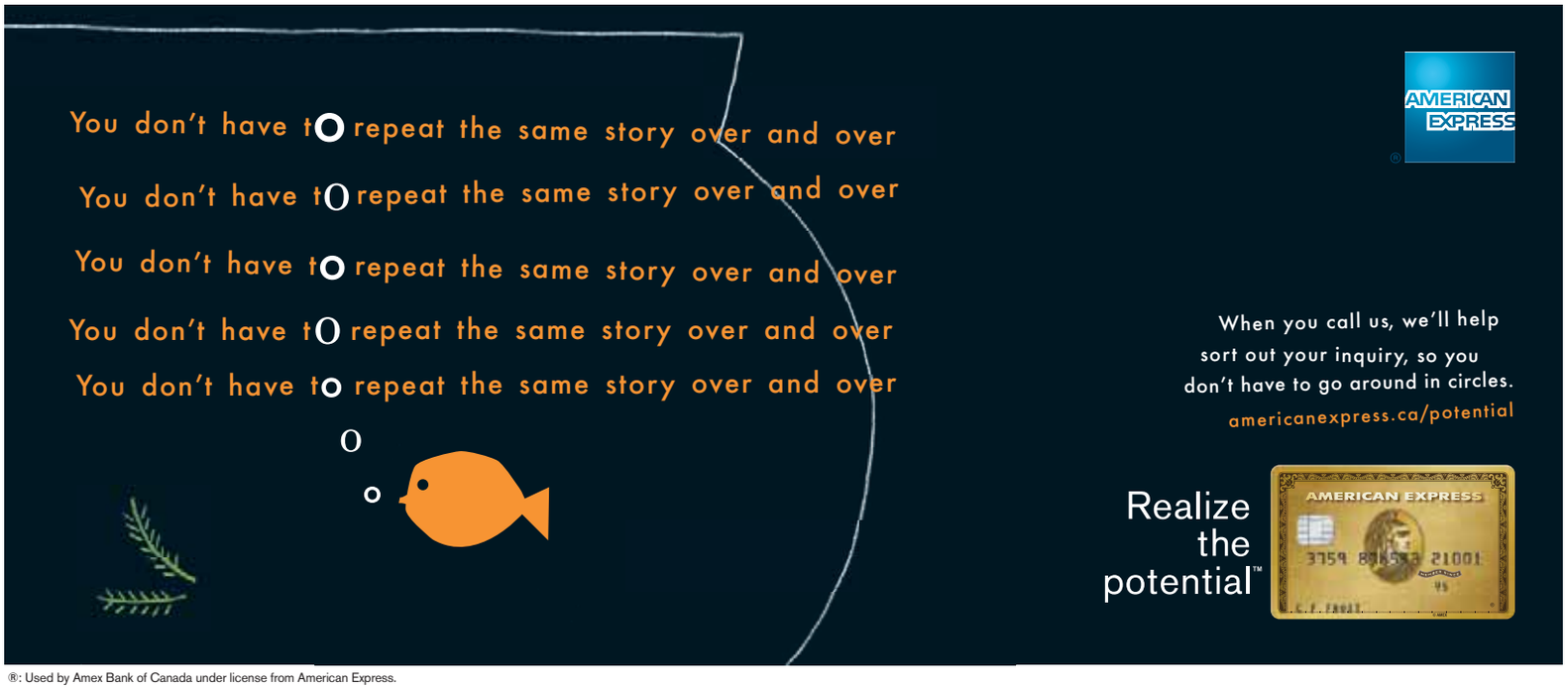

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Putting the 'X' in Xmas

It's been six years since their Guantanamo Bay adventure Harold and Kumar are back with ridiculous yuletide antics Watch as they burn down the Christmas tree and party with Jesus

IN FOCUS

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The week after Halloween is a strange time to be writing about Christmas movies. Almost like cooking a Thanksgiving dinner in July.

But if department stores can display Lady Gaga masks beside Christmas ornaments and Hollywood can release A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas while we're still digesting our Halloween haul, I can write about some movies that put the tinsel in Tinsel Town.

Harold and Kumar isn't your average Christmas movie.

I doubt Jimmy Stewart would have considered burning down the family Christmas tree part of his wonderful Yuletide life, but Harold and Kumar aren't the first to put the X into Xmas.

Many movies are set at Christmastime — the Brat Packer flick Less Than Zero features an LA Yule, and Die Hard takes place on Christmas Eve — but I'm thinking of movies that use the holidays as a springboard for the action.

The raunchiest Christmas movie has to Bad Santa, starring Billy Bob Thornton as a boozed-up, thieving department store Kris Kringle.

Unsentimental and crude, Bad Santa is bound to make the elves choke on their eggnog.

Dan Aykroyd also played a less than cuddly Santa in Trading Places. Drunk, disorderly and waving a gun around, he even has a fish hidden in his fake beard.

Unwrap Mixed Nuts, the 1994 Nora Ephron black comedy, and you'll find Christmas tree theft, lunatics and the worst Christmas gift ever: a dead body.

Staying up on Christmas Eve, waiting for Santa to come, will be easy after watching Black Christmas. You'll be too scared to sleep!

The tinsel terror about a mysterious killer in the attic is considered to be the first modern slasher movie.

Gremlins mixes horror, humour and ho ho ho's. Set at Christmas, the story of little creatures who turn nasty when wet features a gory story about a missing father, a chimney, an overstuffed Santa suit and the punchline, "And that's how I found out there was no Santa Claus."

A very merry Crime Christmas can be had in both The Ref and Reindeer Games.

In The Ref, cat burglar Dennis Leary soon regrets breaking into the home of squabbling couple Kevin Spacey and Judy Davis on Christmas Eve.

Reindeer Games sees Ben Affleck reluctantly rob a casino at Christmas.

The movie is such a lump of coal that one of its stars had this to say about it: "That was a bad, bad, bad movie," said Charlize Theron.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ John Cho as Harold, left, Neil Patrick Harris as himself and Kal Penn as Kumar in A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas.

2 scene

Scene at a glance

Jimmy Kimmel is going to be cracking jokes for the U.S. president. The White House Correspondents' Association says the Jimmy Kimmel Live! host will be the featured comedian at its 98th annual dinner next year. Kimmel said in a statement that he is looking forward to being part of the event on April 28, 2012, adding, "I love dinner."
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▶ Down With Webster have three Juno nominations, three platinum singles and fervent fan following, yet they're only releasing their debut this week

TIME TO WIN (AGAIN)

DOWN WITH WEBSTER RELEASES DEBUT DISC

Down With Webster are finally ready to release their debut album, but they have little in common with most fledgling newcomers.

For one thing, the excitable six-piece rap-rock outfit has already amassed three Juno Award nominations and six MuchMusic Video Award nods. They've penned three platinum singles and their introductory EP went gold.

And then there are the fervid fans, the youthful lot who've swarmed the group's red-carpet arrivals — screeching and squawking like they've had a brush with Bieber — and moshed through their increasingly well-attended shows. Droves of face-painted followers even showed up to cheer guitarist Tyler Armes through a charity hockey game earlier this year.

So although the six members of Down With Webster hope to grow their audience far beyond the teen set with Time to Win, Vol. II — a suitably strange title for a debut that really isn't one — they don't want to lose their young fanbase in the process.

"We don't feel jaded yet, like, 'We're just here pumping out pop for these stupid kids,' you know?" said personable rapper Cam Hunter in a recent interview from the band's headquarters, a garage in residential Toronto.

Their debut EP was released two years ago but written long before that, introducing Down With Webster's chart-friendly formula: heavy beats with light subject matter (girls and partying).

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Revenge proves sweet for actress

VanCamp living it up on new Canadian soap ◐ TV show among the fall season's brighter stars ◐ Show finding success north and south of border

With its sudsy romantic storylines, backstabbing beauties and absurdly opulent surroundings, the insidiously infectious Revenge has been hailed by many TV critics as the fall season's top guilty pleasure.

And Canadian star Emily VanCamp has no qualms with that description, even if the "guilty" part sometimes implies a rather back-handed compliment.

"I think we've really embraced the fact that, yeah, we are sort of a juicy throwback to the old night-time soaps and I think if you try to fight that, then you're taking yourself too seriously and that comes out in the product," the affable VanCamp said in a recent telephone interview.

"I mean, the stakes are so high with these characters, and there's so much drama and intensity, that if we didn't allow it to be a bit campy, it wouldn't work — it's gotta have that sort of surreal, kind of heightened Hitchcockian feel to it or else it does not work.

"So I love it. It's all been so positive. I don't care what (the media) wants to call it, as long as they're telling people to watch it."

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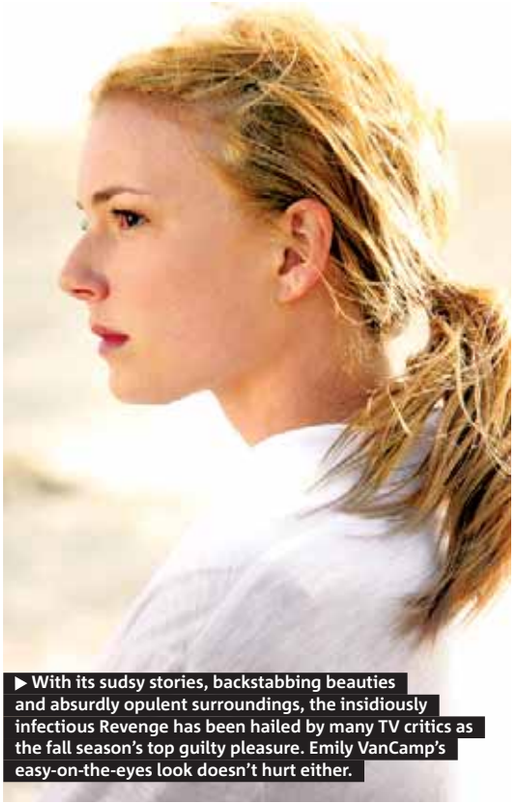

▶ With its sudsy stories, backstabbing beauties and absurdly opulent surroundings, the insidiously infectious Revenge has been hailed by many TV critics as the fall season's top guilty pleasure. Emily VanCamp's easy-on-the-eyes look doesn't hurt either.

So far, attracting viewers hasn't been a problem.

Perhaps the primary reason for the widespread appeal is the show's pulpy premise. VanCamp plays Emily, a cold-blooded social assassin who aims to avenge the death of her father by moving to an abundantly affluent neighbourhood in the Hamptons and systematically destroying the lives of the duplicitous, well-heeled locals who allowed her dad to take the fall for crimes he didn't commit.

Viewers have revelled in VanCamp's morally dubious takedowns. In one early episode, she manipulates a state senator — who helped put her father behind bars — into retiring from public life so his extra-marital affair (and the ensuing abortion he sponsored) will remain under wraps. Then she releases the videos of the senator with his mistress anyway.

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Tough move

For VanCamp herself, the show's early success validates a gutsy career move.

▶ **Bold** after three years on Brothers & Sisters, VanCamp was asked to renegotiate her contract and instead decided to move on from the show, chalking the move up to a creative decision. At that time she didn't have any industry work prospects.

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Taking the kiddie out of kids' books

Children's literature turns upside down Douglas Coupland's Highly Inappropriate Tales for Young People isn't suitable for little ones — or is it?

Having never been a fan of traditional children's books, author Douglas Coupland decided it'd be fun to reinterpret the genre in a way that isn't suitable for most kids.

His new book Highly Inappropriate Tales for Young People, which he created with Canadian illustrator Graham Roumieu, probably won't be a big hit with parents.

But Coupland says he would have loved to have read something like it when he was young.

"I never read kids books, I hated them, I sort of thought they pandered to you," Coupland said in an interview.

"Kids books in general, I think, treat kids like they're dumb.

"If I had found this book when I was a kid I would've been, 'Yes! This confirms everything I thought about adulthood!' And I would've been quite happy, I think."

The book is more likely to be stocked in bookstores alongside Adam Mansbach and Ricardo Cortes' Go the (Bleep) to Sleep, than with Dr. Seuss, Robert Munsch or the Diary of a Wimpy Kid titles.

Evil characters

Coupland's seven short stories feature characters like Donald the Incredibly Hostile Juice Box, who is made up of a little fruit juice and sugar, but mostly evil.

- He lives to torment other juice boxes by stabbing their foil straw holes and spilling out their insides.
- Or there's Sandra the Truly Dreadful Babysitter, who continues to stay employed despite forcing children to shoplift and dabble in arson.

"I just looked at my brother and his kids, and I looked at the life of the urban young person of today and it's nothing but juice boxes and minivans and action figures," Coupland said of the inspiration for his twisted stories.

"I wanted to find a nice way to sort of turn something very everyday and make it very evil."

As for who he thinks will read and enjoy the book, Roumieu jokes the young people in juvenile detention facilities are probably a safe bet.

But others with "a sense of humour that's a little on the darker side" will get into it too, he added.

Coupland isn't exactly sure what the book's target market is.

"It's this weird square peg in a round hole in the comic/cartoon universe," Coupland said.

"I don't know who's going to read it, if it's kids, or maybe it's like you buy it and say, 'Kids, whatever you do, don't read this book' — and then hide it some place easy to find.

"Or hide it with a pack of cigarettes."

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▶ Douglas Coupland

"Kids books in general, I think, treat kids like they're dumb."
AUTHOR DOUGLAS COUPLAND

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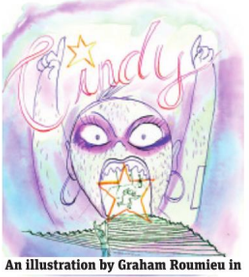

An illustration by Graham Roumieu in Douglas Coupland's new book

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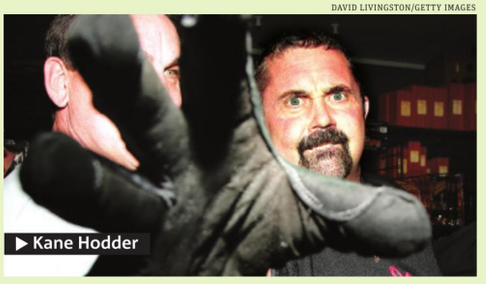

▶ Kane Hodder

INSIDE THE MIND OF JASON VOORHEES

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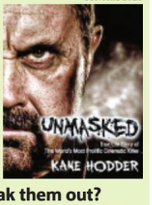

Thanks to Kane Hodder, you may never view a hockey mask as a mere sports shield. The 56-year-old actor and stuntman has made a living inspiring terror in others, and in his new book, Unmasked, he gives readers a peek into his world.

You look terrifying on the cover.
That's my friendly look. I was trying to be as happy as I could.

Well, if that's happy then I don't want to see you mad.
I wouldn't recommend it.

Are people scared to meet you?
At times. For the most part people are excited because, you know, if it were me — because I'm a horror fan — if I met the guy that played a character that I've been watching for years, I'd be very excited. It's a cool deal, especially considering I went into this business to be a stuntman. All of my aspirations were just to be a working stuntperson. I never in a million years thought I'd be in a position of signing autographs, for God's sake...

What about life with your family and friends — are they scared to get in an argument with you?

Do you freak them out?
Well, not just family and friends, but actors I work with. I purposely on the set will do things before their kill scene comes up to make them feel, "Oh my God this guy's actually crazy." I'll do stuff where I know they're watching me, but they don't think that I know they're watching me, so I'll do stuff like bang my head on a tree or talk to myself and they'll get all nervous. And I purposely don't become too friendly with the actors if I'm playing the killer so that when it comes time for their kill scene they're a little nervous anyways because of the actor, let alone the action itself.

But don't you want to make friends on set?
I hate people.

Do you hate me?
No, I think you're all right. You're on my very short list.

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Stage Notes

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Love Lies Bleeding, a fantastical creation by the Alberta Ballet Company, is not your typical ballet.

For those of us who hear the word ballet and immediately picture men and women prancing around the stage in tights and tutus, prepare to be pleasantly surprised by Love Lies Bleeding, which features fire-breathing roller skates, gold lame costumes and over the top glitz.

Do not expect your grandmother's ballet.

Set to the music of Elton John, Love Lies Bleeding is a ballet-musical hybrid that has more in common with rock-musicals like the Who's Tommy or American Idiot (finally opening this December in Toronto!).

Love Lies Bleeding opens Nov. 8 at Toronto's Sony Centre and runs only until Nov. 12.

It is sure to become one of the most talked about shows this fall.

Love Lies Bleeding ... features fire-breathing roller skates, gold lame costumes and over the top glitz.

Get a Love Lies Bleeding ticket via Sceneopolis subscribers and save up to $75 per ticket.

Don't forget the Canadian premiere of FELA, the musical story of Fela Kuti — the Nigerian founder of the musical genre Afrobeat, closes on Nov. 6.

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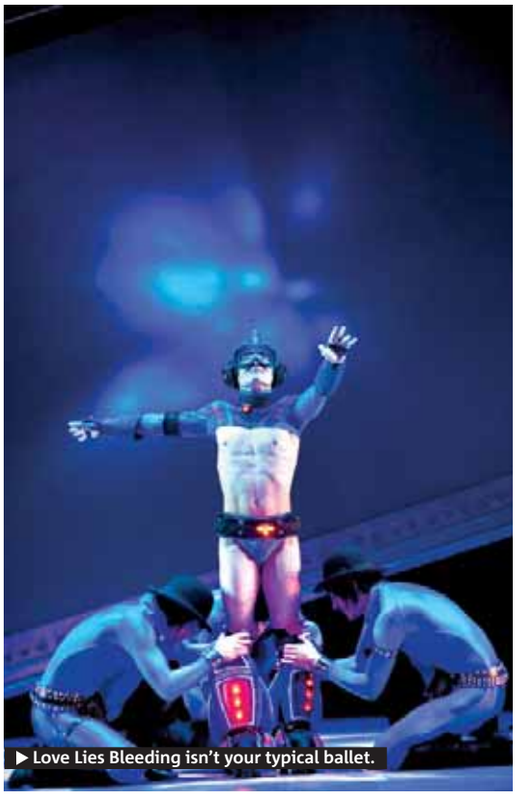

▶ Love Lies Bleeding isn't your typical ballet.

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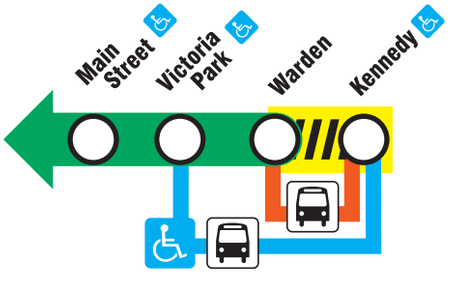

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THE WORD

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Wait — you didn't really think we were done with Kim Kardashian, did you? Far from it, kupcakes. When there's a four-hour reality TV special on your $10 million wedding, you better believe there's weeks worth of gossip when you divorce 72 days later.

Humphries is 'devastated'

While Kim's statement was clearly written by her publicist while she went shopping, Humphries was a little less guarded: "I love my wife and am devastated to learn she filed for divorce," he said in a statement to E! News on Monday evening. "I'm committed to this marriage and everything this covenant represents. I'm willing to do whatever it takes to make it work."

Are we starting to … feel bad for a member of the Kardashian family? Make this stop. Make this stop right now.

Won't somebody think of the diamonds?!

In the divorce filing, Kim asked that jewelry acquired during their marriage remain hers, according to E! Online. The actual pieces are unspecified, and we don't put it past this girl to accumulate some serious gems in 72 days. That said, we're pretty sure this has something to do with that $2 million diamond on her finger.

Our favourite explanation

If we start explaining the divorce, are we implying that the marriage was real? No matter, this one is too good to pass up: Kim was annoyed that Humphries began "chasing fame" and trying to break into Hollywood, reports TMZ. Save it for your three-part "moving on" special, lady.

TODAY'S THE WORD IS WRITTEN BY MONICA WEYMOUTH

We'll bite, Jess

After Kardashiangate broke, Jessica Simpson must have finally realized no one was going to pay her the $500,000 she was hoping to score for her pregnancy announcement.

Monday night, she posted a photo of herself on her personal website in a tight mummy costume, holding her pregnant belly with the caption: "It's true, I'm going to be a mummy." Congrats, Jess — months ago.

▶ Kim Kardashian

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i don't watch much tv! but how many days of marriage we're talking about? i'm always so late with these pop culture news!

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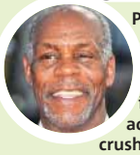

P.S. If you're a racially ambiguous girl in an insurance ad, I will crush on you something stupid.

Moore hits the town

Demi Moore was spotted out recently, shaking off her recent marital troubles to enjoy a star-studded Halloween party in Beverly Hills, according to Us Weekly.

"She was having fun, [and] she drank. But she wasn't the belle of the ball. Everyone at the party was drunk," a source says.

Other guests at the bash included Cameron Diaz, Eli Roth and director Todd Phillips. Moore, though, showed up alone, with Ashton Kutcher nowhere to be seen. METRO

▶ Demi Moore

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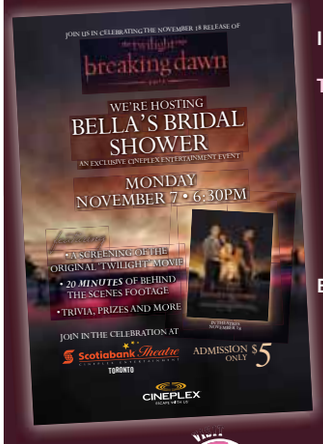

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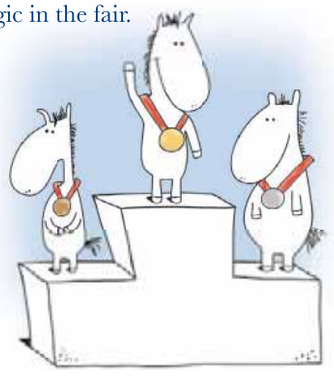

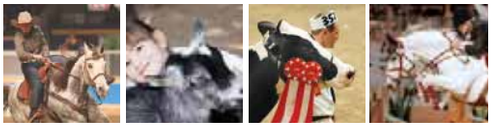

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AS GASOLINE PRICES CONTINUE TO RISE, MORE CANADIANS ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SAVE MONEY AT THE PUMP

Toyota has responded by launching the 2012 Prius v, the latest addition to the Prius family of hybrid vehicles, which actually boasts better fuel efficiency than most SUVs on the road today.

Essentially, drivers can get more kilometers on less fuel. It's a win/win solution for Canadians wanting to reduce their carbon footprint and save money while doing so. That's because the Prius v is an environmentally responsible car that's not only better for the world around us, but better for our wallets as well, thanks to its impressive fuel efficiency.

A full hybrid gasoline-electric car (a 1.8-litre, four-cylinder gas engine and a 60 kW electric motor have a combined output of 134 horsepower), it produces 66 per cent fewer smog-forming emissions than the average conventionally powered new car, while delivering the same amount of space as many smaller SUVs. In fact, Prius v delivers the best fuel efficiency of any SUV, crossover or wagon on the road today.

Powered by the same Hybrid Synergy Drive System as the original Prius, Prius v's estimated fuel economy (the relationship between the distance travelled and the amount of fuel consumed) is 4.3-litres/100 km in the city, 4.8-litres/100 km on the highway and 4.6-litres/100 km combined.

Three driving conditions — gas only, electric motor only or a combination of the two — prioritize fuel consumption while Prius v's beltless engine ensures that every drop of gas goes into driving the car. This means fewer fill-ups are needed, saving drivers money on gas. Maintenance costs are also lower than for cars with traditional engines due to less brake pad wear (regenerative braking), lower loads on the engine and a simpler transmission, saving Prius v drivers even more money.

While other cars waste energy at stoplights, during braking and whenever the engine isn't running at optimum speed, Prius v actually stores and recovers energy in the nickel-metal hydride battery and then uses that energy when it's really needed, giving drivers more kilometres out of every litre of gas.

An added benefit for Canadians in particular is Prius v's exhaust heat recirculation system, tailor made for the Canadian climate. Essentially it transfers heat from the exhaust to the engine coolant, which warms the engine thereby improving start-up efficiency and fuel efficiency in the harsh winter months by allowing the gas engine to shut off more frequently and for longer periods.

Aside from delivering tremendous fuel efficiency, Prius v offers more room, more options, more savings for all Canadians and more reasons to choose to drive it.

By Heather Buchan

HOW MUCH CAN PRIUS V SAVE YOU?

BY THE NUMBERS

So, just how good is the fuel efficiency of the Prius v? Here's a breakdown of the key numbers:

Currently the cost of fuel is $1.20 per litre. Let's say you rack up 24,000 kilometers in one year. With a fuel efficiency of 4.6L/100 km combined* (that's city and highway driving), the Prius v will cost you just $1,324.80 annual in fuel.

Let's compare this to a vehicle with comparable cargo space …

HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPARISON

Despite having five cubic feet less cargo space than Prius v, the Ford Escape XLT's fuel efficiency is 8.7L/100 km combined (that's city and highway driving), which adds up to $2,505.60 in annual fuel costs. That's $1,180.80 more than Prius v.

Assuming the price of fuel is frozen for eight years (the length of the warranty for the Prius v hybrid system and battery), $9,446.40 will be saved in fuel costs during that time by driving Prius v.

Prius v also boasts regenerative braking, so the wear and tear on brakes is minimal because the brake pads last much longer than on gas-only vehicles.

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Hit the slopes early

With temperatures dropping and snow falling, early ski season never looked so good

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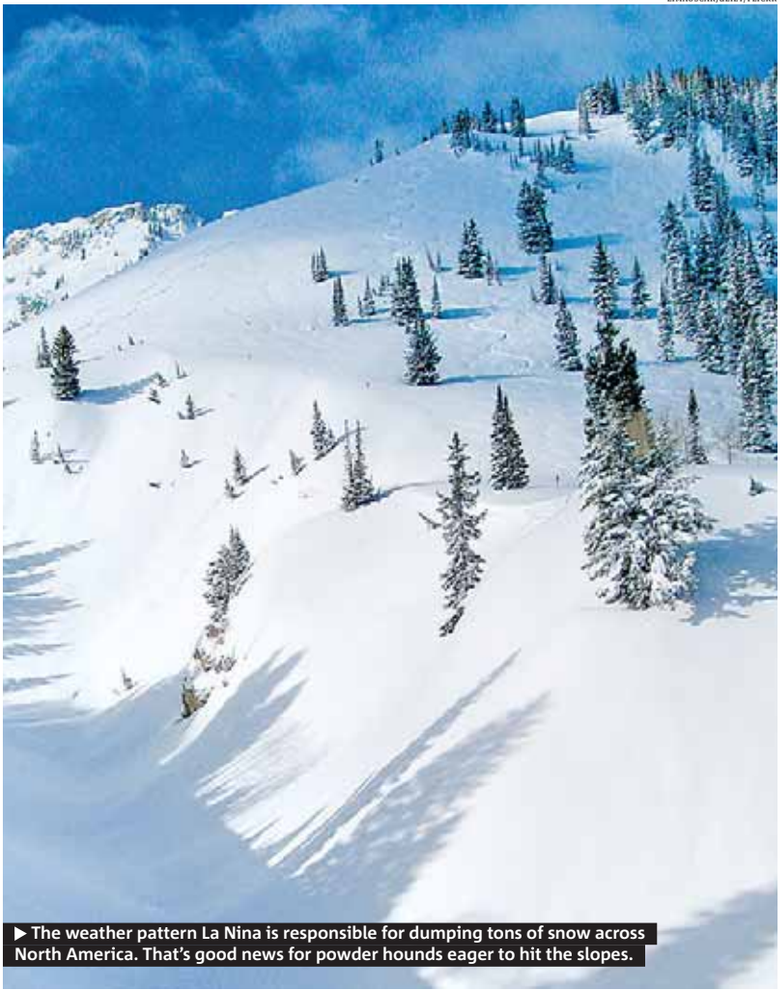

▶ The weather pattern La Nina is responsible for dumping tons of snow across North America. That's good news for powder hounds eager to hit the slopes.

Two words: La Nina. It's a weather pattern, which simply put, dumps a ton of snow on North America – particularly in the north west and northern California. Last year it led to record snowfalls in many resorts — Mammoth saw 16.8 metres — while Fernie in British Columbia racked up 11 metres. If La Nina is back this year, and the signs are pointing to just that with colder-than-normal temperatures and heavy precipitation, then it's time to pick your resort.

Despite its relatively low altitude — the resort sits at 675 metres with the highest lift rising to 2,284 metres — Whistler, B.C., had a great season last year thanks to La Nina with 15.6 metres of snow falling.

Already the resort has seen remarkable snowfall with skiers riding the Blackcomb glacier as early as Oct. 6. Whistler is due to open on Nov. 24 and the resort is currently offering savings of up to 36 per cent on accommodation and lift pass packages if you book before Nov. 15. If it could get through the snow, that early bird could catch a great worm (whistlerblackcomb.com).

Keystone, Colo., will be throwing open its pistes on Nov. 4 with early-season skiers reaping the benefits of sophisticated snowmaking, sheltered tree runs and a superb snowpark without the crowds.

The resort shares the Epic pass with nearby Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Vail and A-Basin so good snow is not hard to find (keystone.com).

Grand Targhee, Wyo. saw 14.8 metres fall last season and its dry powder is the stuff of legends. The resort is so confident you will love it, it even offers a refund on your liftpass should your skiing be less than satisfactory (grandtarghee.com).

Alta, Utah has a base elevation of 2,600 metres, making skiing a definite possibility come Christmas, or before — it plans to open on Nov. 18 (alta.com).

If La Nina doesn't materialize you need a resort with good snowmaking, like Northstar-at-Tahoe, Calif. (northstarattahoe.com). Not only has the resort increased its skiable terrain by 10 per cent this season, but 50 per cent of it is covered by snowmaking facilities, so powder turns are guaranteed.

SOME OF THE BEST POWDER RESORTS IN NORTH AMERICA

MOUNT BAKER
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In 1999 Mt Baker held the record for the most snowfall in a season – 29 metres. Last year the small resort (only nine chairlifts) recorded 21.7 metres with 2.6 metres falling in November. Want powder? Head west. **mtbaker.us**

REVELSTOKE
British Columbia

With over 1,214 hectares of skiable area and North America's greatest vertical drop, this modest resort near Golden is a powder-hound Mecca offering Heli and Cat Skiing from the village base. **revelstokemountainresort.com**

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Travel in brief

Want first crack at the runs in Aspen? The Aspen Skiing Co. is offering an Ultimate Ski Pass that will let you have unlimited first tracks before chairlifts open to the public — for $25,000. The exclusive passes also allow holders to meet members of the U.S. Women's Ski Team when they race in Aspen on the U.S. Thanksgiving weekend.
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Sure, all roads may lead to Rome, but in the Miami-Dade county area, all roads lead to Sunny Isles Beach (sibfl.net).

Nestled between downtown Miami and Fort Lauderdale, this oceanside community is the perfect stepping stone from which to explore the rest of the region.

The centre of Florida's Riviera — or "paradise" as locals call it — is minutes from trendy Miami Beach to the south and gay-friendly Lauderdale to the north. To the west are some of the state's shopping meccas, while the east offers swimming, fishing, boating and quick jaunts to the Bahamas.

Where to explore

Take a walk along the beach, past the resorts, 1950s hotels, high-end residential condos and the half-mile-long pier. Friendly lifeguards patrol the beach regularly. Lifeguard Tower No. 17 rises above this beach hotspot, seniors float on pool noodles in the morning, and the younger, golden-hued crowd play volleyball and sun themselves later in the day. Walk too far down Sunny Isles' four-kilometre long beach and you will encounter the brightly-painted life guard stations of Haulover — the nude beach were locals, and some well-known celebrities, get rid of their tan lines.

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▶ Sunny Isles Beach pier

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▶ The Trump International Beach Resort

Where to eat

A popular local spot is Epicure Gourmet Café, which is also a deli and supermarket. Portions are generous, with a selection of sandwiches, soups and salads. A few metres away on Collins Avenue — Sunny Isles' main, and only, strip — is H Restaurant, offering French cuisine in a cosy, relaxed atmosphere. Hungry for surf or turf? The elegant Il Mulino New York at the Acqualina Resort and Spa has a great selection of steaks, and a to-die-for lobster dish prepared tableside. Served in a hot pot, the waiter breaks open the pastry top and ladles out the lobster and other ingredients. For something a little healthier, the Miami Juice chain has a Sunny Isles location and serves fresh and organic shakes, salads and breakfasts.

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▶ Epicure Gourmet Café

Where to shop

With its central location, Sunny Isles Beach is close to three of the region's premiere shopping centres. Just over the William Lehman Causeway is Aventura Mall. Anchored by Nordstrom, Bloomingdale's, and Macy's, it features more than 300 stores and restaurants. A short drive away is The Village at Gulf Stream Park, an outdoor shopping and entertainment centre where you can also drop a few coins in the slots or place a bet on the horses. If your pony comes in, head to the Bal Harbour Shops to buy a pair of Jimmy Choo's or a Gucci handbag.

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▶ Bal Harbour Shops

Where to stay

More of a destination than a boutique hotel, the Trump International Beach Resort offers 390 oversized rooms, including junior and deluxe suites with kitchen facilities for families who want to make their own meals. Feel like eating in? The resort has two restaurants; Neomi's, offering contemporary American cuisine, and Fusion Restaurant and Lounge offering a new take on Asian located off the lobby. The grounds of the resort — which is in the final stages of an update — includes tennis courts, two pools and beach access. Lie in the sun while you sip one of the 12 types of Pina Coladas from Gili's Pool Bar and Grill, located right next to the family pool. Kids will stay busy with the resort's Planet Kids program, an enviro-adventure program, while you get a facial or body treatment at Aquanox.

Where to visit

Oleta River State Park has been allowed to grow back into a natural reserve in the midst of a city. The more than 1,000-acre park is popular with joggers, hikers, and anyone who just wants to get away from the hustle-bustle of the city for the afternoon. The Blue Moon Outdoor Centre rents kayaks, canoes and bicycles, so visitors can explore the waterways frequented by manatees and dolphins, or bike through the 24 kilometres of trails. You can even rough it, Miami style, in one of 14 air conditioned "primitive cabins" that come with double beds and bunk beds. Bring your own sheets. METRO

When in the 'Riviera'

- Act like a local by visiting Beer Can Island on the southern edge of Oleta River State Park. Locals boat out to the small island to relax and drink beer.

Welcome to Miami

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I have lived in Miami most of my life. My family lives in Miami, and I also work in the family business, as the Vice President of Sales of RC aluminum. I've worked on some very exciting projects including the re-launch of the food and beverage department at the Delano Hotel, set to open on New Year's Eve.

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I love the W Hotel South Beach. It has amazing views of the ocean from every room. The rooms are spacious and the decor is fantastically '70s chic. I would stay there for the lobby's art collection alone (wsouthbeach.com).

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I love Asian food so I'll go to Pubbelly, a great Asian style gastropub in Miami Beach (pubbelly.com). For a night out I'll head to DB Bistro (danielnyc.com).

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▶ DB Bistro

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Up the coast

On Nov. 20, Greater Fort Lauderdale tourism reps are taking over Dundas Square and bringing in 10 huge ice blocks with frozen bikinis inside.

Greater Fort Lauderdale wants Torontonians to free the swimsuits and escape the cold.

Street teams will be giving people ice scrapers and a chance to win a trip to Fort Lauderdale.

Also look for Fort Lauderdale's 'Beach on Wheels' — with real sand from Fort Lauderdale, palm trees, and seashells, all encased in glass aboard a 17-foot long truck, which will be cruising around the city.

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My favourite spot in Canada

TRACY MOORE: MONTREAL

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I had been blessed with a late summer acceptance to McGill University. Forget my scholarships to Ontario schools. I wanted "la belle province" more than any tuition rebate. My poor parents.

Not only would they be faced with tuition fees but my living expenses as well. They begrudgingly did the research. McGill was a "good school."

So off I went, the petulant, defiant teenager that I was to embrace the land of churches, strip clubs and poutine.

I fell in love in Montreal…with Montreal. The city showed a lack of restraint that didn't exist in Toronto. People were stylish and wild. They drank at lunch. The parties lasted all night. "Last call" were words only uttered by the repressed English. Life was about living. This I loved.

Sadly, I got my degree.

It was time to return home. But to this day Montreal holds a special place in my heart.

And I still find the words "last call" stifling.

TRACY MOORE IS HOST OF CITYLINE, CANADA'S LONGEST-RUNNING LIFESTYLE SHOW. CATCH HER ON WEEKDAY MORNINGS AT 9 A.M. ON CITYTV.

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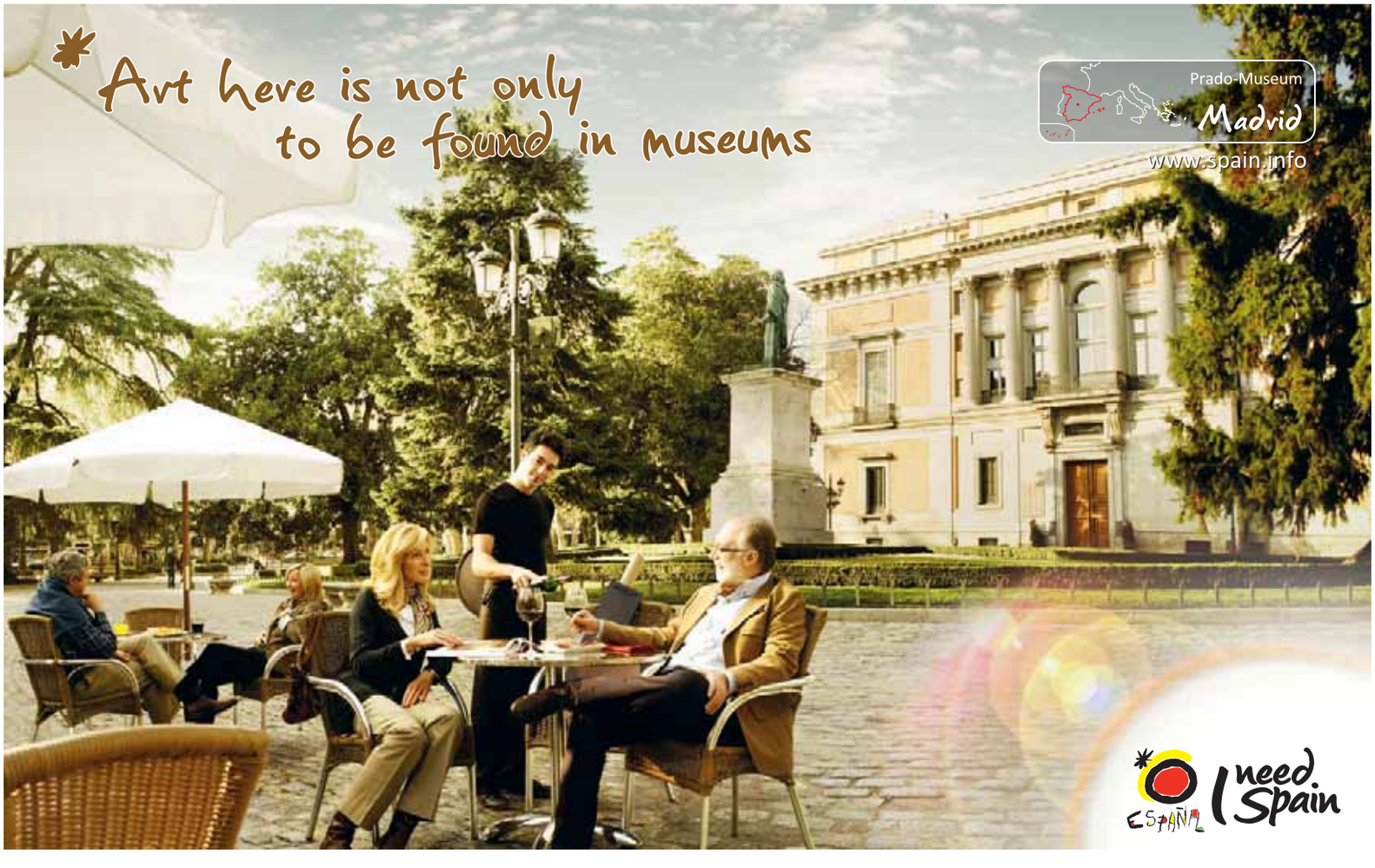
▶ Ken Wu of the Ancient Forest Alliance looks at Canada's 'gnarliest' tree in Avatar Grove near Port Renfrew, B.C.



Growing Avatar Grove

Port Renfrew, B.C., is leaning on a Hollywood blockbuster for environmental tourism

Pink ribbons knotted to tree branches at the side of a gravel logging road mark the entry to an amazing earthly experience.

The air is cool, damp and even smells green. Look up and there is no blue sky, just scraggy branches and the tops of 60-metre-high trees, which allow sunlight to hit the mossy ground only in broken beams of light.

This is Avatar Grove, a 50-hectare piece of untouched old-growth forest, about 110 kilometres northwest of Victoria, B.C.

Natural-born enemies; environmentalists, business leaders and politicians, are joining hands to protect it from logging and create a nature-lover's paradise. It's as if the happy-ending script is writing itself at Avatar Grove — a sequel of sorts to the Hollywood blockbuster, unfolding in the few remaining dark, moody and ancient big-tree forests on southern Vancouver Island.

"When we came across the area, it was at the same time the movie Avatar was released," said Ken Wu, co-founder of the Victoria-based Ancient Forest Alliance. "Avatar was about saving old-growth forests, albeit on an alien moon.

"We wanted people to make the connection that here on earth we have real spectacular old growth (forests) that are endangered and that need protecting," he said, standing near a huge cedar marked in spray paint with the number five, signifying that it once faced a chainsaw death. Wu said choosing the name Avatar Grove, courting the business community in nearby struggling Port Renfrew and getting the ear of the B.C. government has sparked a groundswell to declare the rugged coastal area the Big Trees Capital of Canada.

The Ancient Forest Alliance spent the summer taking busloads of tourists into Avatar Grove to see the mysterious forest, especially the alien-shaped western red cedar, nicknamed Canada's gnarliest tree for its Volkswagen-sized burl.

"Port Renfrew really is the biggest trees capital of Canada," said Wu. "The fact is the largest Douglas fir tree on earth is near town. The biggest spruce tree in Canada is also near town. The biggest tree in Canada, the Cheewaht cedar, is also north of town. "And we've got the gnarliest tree at the Avatar Grove," he said.

Rosie Betsworth, Port Renfrew's Chamber of Commerce president, agrees with Wu and the Ancient Forest Alliance that the big trees are something to see. It's also offering a tourism boost to the community that, until recently, considered logging and fishing its lifeblood.

"The majority (here) can see the value of tourism dollars," she said.

Steve Thomson, B.C.'s minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources, said the government halted planned logging of Avatar Grove and is awaiting the results of a public consultation process on the area's future. But he suggested it already appears logging is no longer a viable option.

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If you go...

- Currently, there are no official scheduled tours into Avatar Grove, but visit the Ancient Forest Alliance website: ancientforestalliance.org for a map of the area's big tree sites. The alliance also will take visitors into Avatar Grove or can provide travellers with a detailed and easy to follow map that they can use to guide themselves.

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I call this moment 'payback.' The Evason Phuket & Bon Island's Six Senses spa had barely made the offer when Ish and I answered with a resounding 'yes.' The question: Could they teach the kids how to give us a massage? The unique one-hour class is offered free of charge. A trained masseuse patiently works with the kids to make sure their little hands hit all the right spots. Ish won the coin toss to be the first victim, but this gift will keep on giving for years to come.

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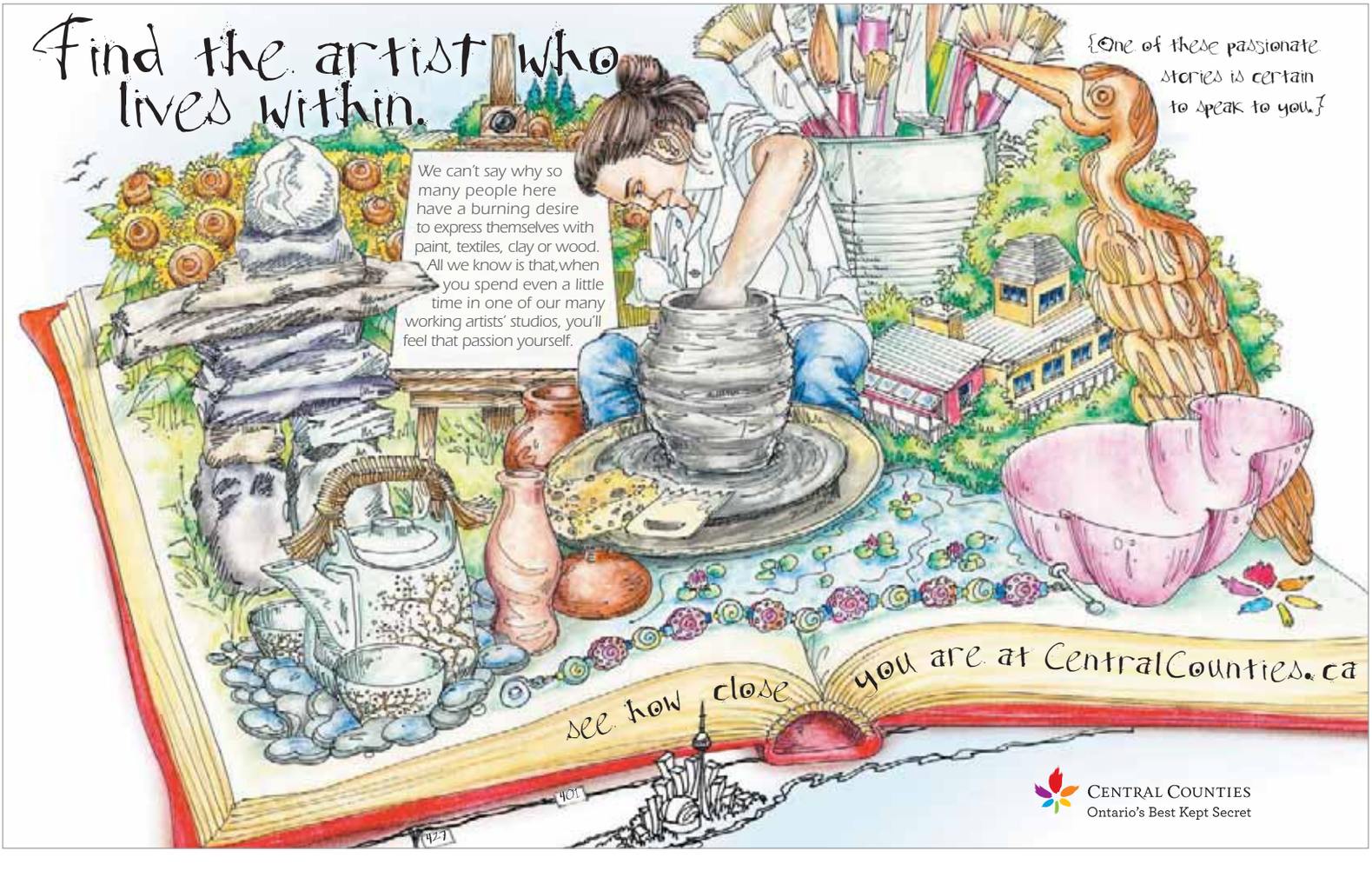
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Here's a show-stopper dessert that uses delicious homemade caramel to add some pizzazz in flavour.

Caramel Pumpkin Spice Mousse Tarts

Preparation:

1. In a high-sided heavy saucepan, stir together sugar and water over medium heat, stirring until dissolved. Increase heat to medium-high, cover and bring to a rolling boil. Uncover and boil, without stirring for about 10 minutes or until deep amber colour. Swirl pan as necessary to cook evenly. Remove from heat and slowly add hot cream. Stir with long-handled spoon until blended and bubbles subside.
2. Pour about 1 tbsp (15 ml) of the caramel into bottom of each baked tart shells. Refrigerate for 15 minutes or until caramel is set on top and reserve remaining caramel sauce.
3. In a large bowl, whip cream and icing sugar until they form stiff peaks. Using whisk, whisk in pumpkin, brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg until no streaks remain. Scrape mousse into piping bag fitted with star tip, pipe into caramel-filled tart shells and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to 1 day before serving.
4. Warm remaining caramel sauce and drizzle tarts before serving.

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Ingredients:

- 1 cup (250 ml) granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) water
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) hot whipping cream
- 12 baked tart shells

Pumpkin Spice Mousse:

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) whipping cream
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) icing sugar
- 1 cup (250 ml) pumpkin or butternut squash puree
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) packed brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) each ground cinnamon and ginger
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground nutmeg

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▶ This recipe makes 12 tarts.

Cocktail of the week

Pumpkin Pie Punch

- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) pumpkin puree
- 250 ml (1 cup) packed dark brown sugar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cinnamon
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground ginger
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) nutmeg
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cloves
- 2 l (8 cups) apple cider
- 2 l (8 cups) ginger ale

In a medium bowl, whisk together pumpkin, brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and cloves. Add apple cider and whisk until smooth and sugar is dissolved. Chill. In a punch bowl, gently stir together cider-pumpkin mixture and ginger ale. Serve with ice.

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You're sick of the subject you've chosen to study and contemplating a switch Take a moment to mull this over

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Many students enter university knowing exactly what major they want to specialize in — at least they think they do.

But as students, we encounter new interests and challenges, giving us newfound perspective and knowledge. These insights can contradict existing notions and fall contrary to previous expectations.

I, for one, always knew that I wanted to study journalism, but I decided to enter university under another major so that I could work toward a greater understanding of my future program. In doing so, I built the proper knowledge, resources and mind-set required for journalism school.

But switching majors is not as easy as it seems. As someone who switched majors during my undergraduate degree, I know finding the right major for you can be difficult and overwhelming. There are many things to consider when doing so.

Meeting requirements

Each program has different requirements. Some programs are based on a grades-only application, whereas others require grades plus non-academic submissions, such as portfolios, or audio and tape submissions.

When I applied to Ryerson University's journalism program, I applied under the grades plus program, which required me to submit a select number of published works. I completed a lot of work outside school hours so that my portfolio would guarantee me acceptance into the program.

Switching to a more specialized program will demand a lot more than high grades. Additionally, if you are applying to a program that is in-demand, you should make sure that your grades surpass the minimum grade requirement to get into the program.

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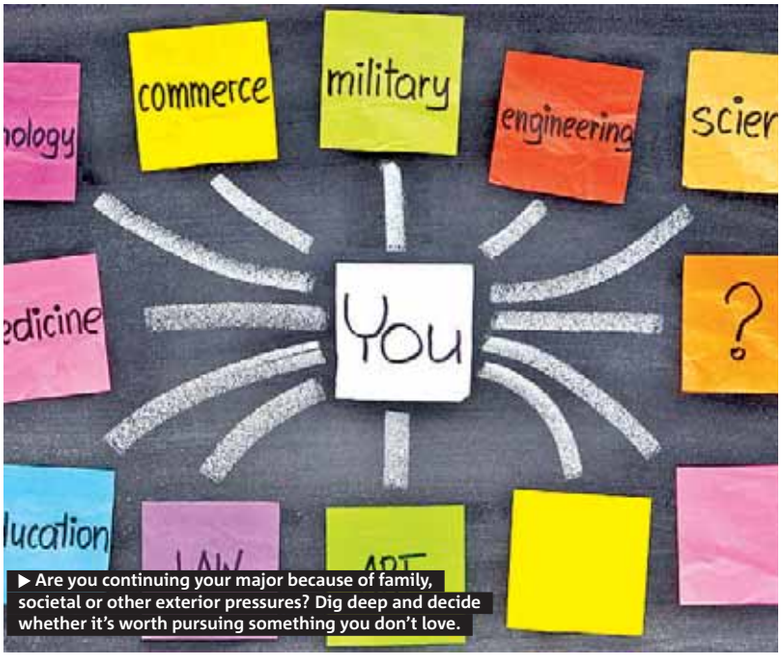

▶ Are you continuing your major because of family, societal or other exterior pressures? Dig deep and decide whether it's worth pursuing something you don't love.

Researching the program

Before deciding to switch programs, it is necessary to research exactly what your intended field of study entails. You can never know too much, so do your homework prior to switching majors.

Seek resources within your school; talk to department heads, people at the career centre and anyone who can help guide you in the right direction.

Do your research and don't forget about the simple, yet crucial requirements, such as having a minimum number of field-related courses and making sure that you do not miss crucial deadlines for transferring.

Sacrifice

Most people forget about the sacrifices that come with switching majors. When you decide to transfer programs you are agreeing to forfeit your existing major. Since program requirements vary, this could mean that the one or two years spent in your program will essentially be discredited and not counted toward your new major.

It also means having to start from scratch again. I was extremely happy to switch programs and be able to study my true calling. I was, however, a little disappointed when I realized that all my hard work was not going to be accounted for. It is a difficult reality to grapple with, especially if you are someone who wants to finish school as quickly as possible, or if you face major financial constraints.

Then there are other minor inconveniences such as the transfer process, which can be difficult and laborious. There are many forms to fill, fees to pay and places to drop things off to.

Ultimately, however, you have to be in a major that is complementary to your abilities and preferences. If you are unhappy with what you are studying, it is not worth spending your time and money continuing.

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All-important advice:

- Being in the right major is crucial to your success and future opportunities, but remember that an education is what you make of it.
- Make an appointment with your academic co-ordinator or someone else who can help you weigh the pros and cons, and determine the best course of action.

Not working out

If you find yourself in one of the following situations, you may want to consider switching majors:

- Failing the majority of your classes
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Bullying trumped by strong bonds

Study finds good student-teacher relations can help protect children who may be subject to aggression

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▶ Positive relationships formed in the classroom may be imperative to a child's social development.

Fostering a good relationship with their teachers could pay dividends for children beyond the classroom, protecting them from acting out aggressively and being targeted by their peers, a Canadian-led study suggests.

Psychology professor Mara Brendgen from the University of Quebec at Montreal led the study, which also involved researchers at Laval University, the University of Montreal, the University of Alabama and University College Dublin.

Published in the journal Child Development, the study set out to explore the source of aggression in children and the role of genetic factors and social interactions in their every-day environment influencing aggressive behaviour.

Researchers say that children's relationships with peers and teachers are key to their social and behavioural development. As a result, conflicts that may arise between students and both classmates and instructors can potentially aggravate aggression in some kids.

"Problematic relationships with peers and teachers may not only play an important role in maintaining or increasing aggressive behaviour in the child, but such negative relationship experiences may themselves be fostered by a child's aggressive behaviour," researchers write.

The study estimated the genetic effects on aggression by comparing the similarity in behaviours of both identical and fraternal twin pairs.

The research revealed that the kids who were genetically vulnerable to being aggressive were more susceptible to being victimized by their peers than other students. Yet in those instances, kids were protected from acting out aggressively or being targeted by other kids if they had a very good relationship with their teacher — one that was warm, affectionate and involved open communication. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Study specifics

Research round-up:

- The study looked at Grade 1 students in the greater Montreal area, specifically 217 pairs of identical and fraternal twins with an average age of seven when assessed. Data were only used in the analysis of twins who were in different classrooms.
- Classmates were asked to rate the level of aggressive behaviour exhibited by the twins and the extent to which they were victimized by peers. Meanwhile, the twins' teachers were asked to rate the quality of their relationship with each child, assessed through their ratings of items from the closeness and conflict sub scales of the Teacher-Child Relationships scale.

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Topics not to be touched upon in a workplace setting

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Most of us know never to discuss politics and religion at work, but there are other topics that are equally as taboo. These subjects are off-limits around the boss, and even around the water-cooler.

Relationship status

A recent survey conducted by Adecco polled more than 800 Americans and revealed that 23 per cent find relationship status to be the most taboo topic in the office. According to the survey, relationship status is even more uncomfortable to talk about than politics (chosen as most taboo by 16 per cent surveyed) and religion (which came first with 10 per cent of those polled).

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▶ It's all fun and giggles until someone loses the respect of their team.

The takeaway: Save talk about breakups and make-ups for your friends and family.

Physical appearance

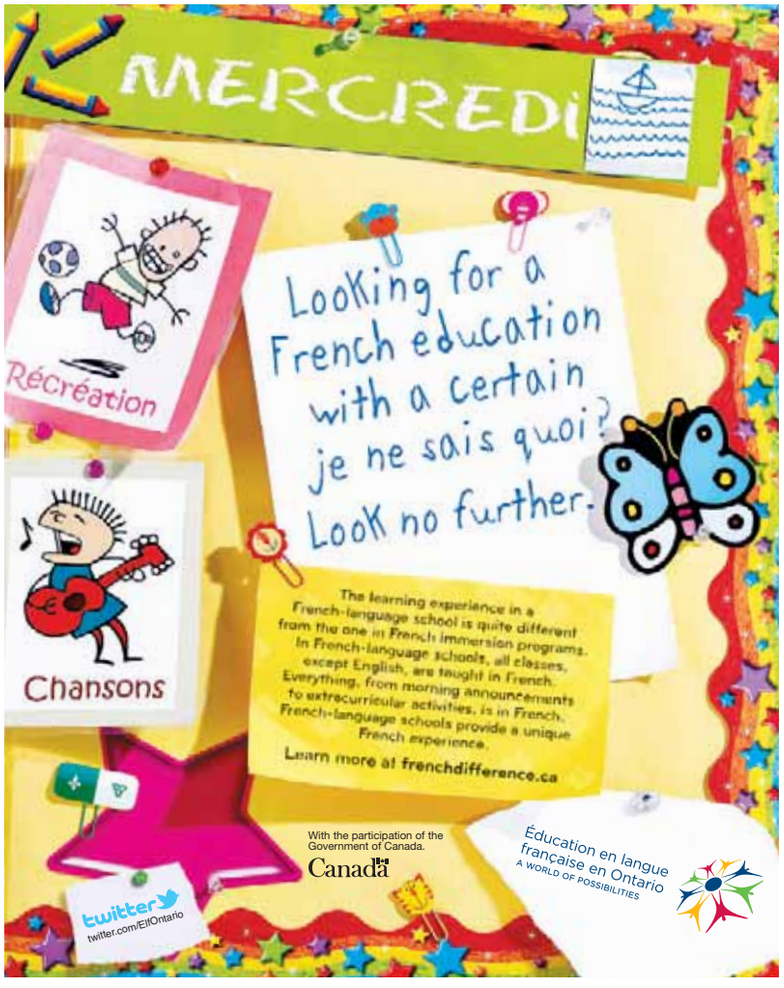
"Unless you work in a Hollister, your physical appearance probably doesn't have a huge role in your performance at work," says Anthony Morrison, vice-president of career networking service Cachinko. "Talking about things like weight, clothing and looks can be hurtful to company morale."

Of course, it's also wise to avoid talking about how attractive you find a co-worker.

Socioeconomic status

Ben Dattner is the author of The Blame Game, a book that explores the psychology of pointing the finger at work. Dattner finds that discussing your lavish lifestyle in the office can cause a rift between employees.

"If you let co-workers know that you are spending the holidays at your family's 55,000-square-foot ski chalet in Aspen, or even that you own your home while they rent theirs, they will likely have a hard time relating to you and may even resent you," says Dattner.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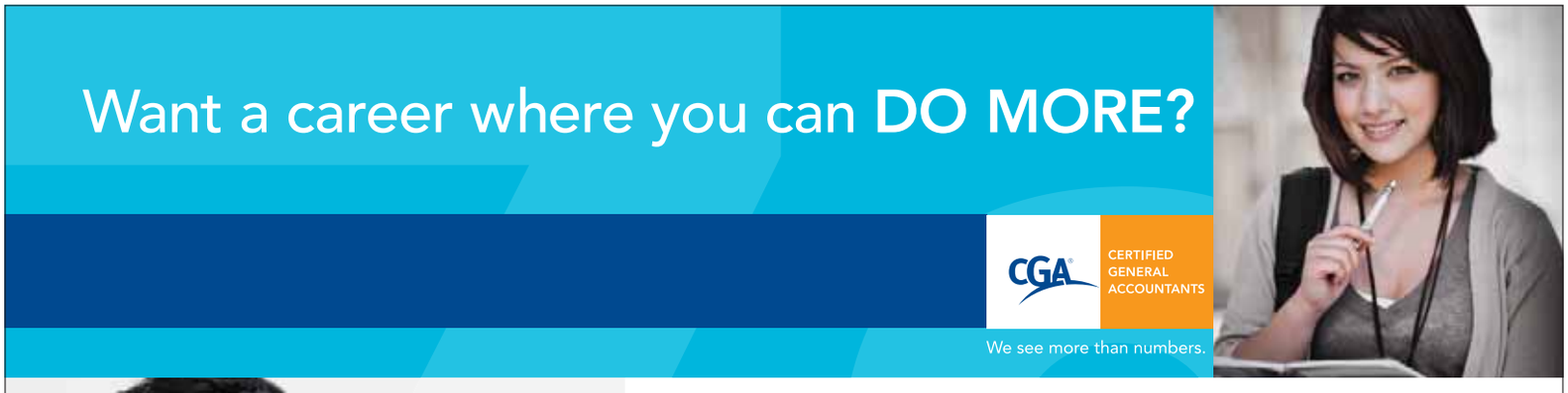

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Hit on Jyles costs Sears one game

The CFL suspended defensive back Johnny Sears Jr. of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers one game without pay yesterday for his controversial hit on Toronto Argonauts quarterback Steven Jyles.

The league rendered the decision after Sears spoke with CFL commissioner Mark Cohon earlier in the day about levelling Jyles with a vicious head shot in Toronto's 27-22 road win over Winnipeg on Friday night.

Jyles had taken off on a run in the fourth quarter and was sliding feet-first when Sears drove his helmet into Jyles' head, which snapped back and bounced violently off the turf, briefly knocking the quarterback unconscious.

Sears was ejected and Jyles eventually was able to walk to the locker-room. However, Jyles remains questionable for Toronto's regular-season finale tomorrow at Rogers Centre against the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

"While I appreciate the sincerity of the player in his conversation with me today, this was a reckless and dangerous hit that must be met with appropriate discipline," Cohon said in a statement. "In our league, with just an 18-game schedule, this is a significant and effective penalty."

Sears had the right to appeal the verdict but said in a statement he'll abide by the league's decision.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

He's Mr. Flexibility

Encarnacion to become utility man for Jays ◐ Will be DH, play left field

Edwin Encarnacion is going to be a jack of all trades for the Toronto Blue Jays next season.

General manager Alex Anthopoulos said yesterday that the 28-year-old infielder is going to spend more time as a designated hitter and even play some games in the outfield.

"The fact that Edwin can play multiple positions, and now he's going to be playing some left field in winter ball as well, will open up some flexibility," Anthopoulos told a media conference call. "As we sit here today, the role would primarily be DH but (if) we like he can play some first, play some third and we'd like to find out a little bit more about him in left field."

Toronto picked up its $3.5-million US contract option on Encarnacion on Monday.

Encarnacion appeared in 134 games as a third baseman, first baseman and designated hitter last season. He hit .272 with 36 doubles, 17 home runs and 55 RBIs.

Although the Blue Jays hope Encarnacion can develop as an occasional outfielder, there are no plans to create a left-field-by-committee.

Eric Thames, Travis Snider and Canadian Adam Loewen all spent time in left field for Toronto last season. All three are left-handed, while Encarnacion is a righty.

"I wouldn't want to see him on the right-handed side of a platoon (in left field) strictly because it would limit the number of at-bats," said Anthopoulos. "If he's only facing left-handers it would severely limit the at-bats that he'd get over the course of a season.

"We'd like to try to get him at-bats wherever we can, unless we have the opportunity to upgrade as we go through the off-season."

How much time Encarnacion plays in left will be dictated by his performance in winter ball and beyond.

"We'll get more of a look in spring training too, that's definitely something on our radar, that we'll have him playing (left) a little bit more, just to find out about him," said Anthopoulos. "We don't know for certain that he can do it, long term, but we think it's definitely an option."

However, the Blue Jays GM wouldn't commit to Encarnacion being a permanent fixture as designated hitter.

"We still have the flexibility if the DH spot comes open or someone becomes available, to go down that path," said Anthopoulos. "I will say it's very low on the priority list and we have a lot of other areas we'd rather address first.

"We do have the flexibility to get somebody else, if we want, in that DH spot."

Encarnacion split time at DH last season with Adam Lind, David Cooper and Canadian Mark Teahen. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Edwin Encarnacion will take on a wider range of roles next season, says Blue Jays GM Alex Anthopoulos.

Rauch's future

The Jays declined Jon Rauch's $3.75-million option on Monday, but GM Alex Anthopoulos says they haven't closed the door on bringing the 33-year-old relief pitcher back.

- "It's just right now, at the option price, we didn't want to lock ourselves into that contract at this stage," Anthopoulos said.
- Rauch appeared in 53 games last season, posting a 5-4 record with 11 saves and a 4.85 earned-run average.

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"I have gained a better understanding (of) how I need to continue to play the game to help my team win."

DETROIT LIONS DEFENSIVE TACKLE NDAMUKONG SUH, AFTER MEETING WITH NFL COMMISSIONER ROGER GOODELL AND HIS STAFF YESTERDAY TO CLARIFY QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS PLAY AND THE GAME. SUH REQUESTED THE BYE-WEEK SESSION IN NEW YORK AT NFL HEADQUARTERS TO TALK ABOUT THE FLAGS AND FINES HE HAS RECEIVED.

Early signs point toward Wilson staying

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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A prominent hockey columnist and I were talking after the Maple Leafs-Penguins game last Saturday — a 4-3 Toronto win — when the topic turned to Ron Wilson, who is currently in the final year of his contract as Leafs coach.

"It's still a little too early to talk about a new deal for Wilson," the veteran hockey watcher said, and I agreed. But the more I thought about it, the less I was certain that Wilson hasn't already shown enough to stick around as Toronto's bench boss for a few more years.

RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Leafs head coach Ron Wilson speaks with players at practice last month.

Now, before you Wilson-haters flip out, avail yourselves of some cold, hard facts. After more than one-eighth of the regular season, the Leafs are first in their division and second in the Eastern Conference. Star winger Phil Kessel is playing like he has a superhot date after every game and wants it to be over in Toronto's favour as soon as possible so he can go on it. Captain Dion Phaneuf is playing his best all-around hockey since he was traded to the Blue and White nearly two years ago. And although their goaltending hasn't been the best in the NHL, between the injured James Reimer and Jonas Gustavsson, they've gotten enough saves to win seven of their first 11 games.

Granted, this current run isn't enough to earn Wilson an extension. But consider what Wilson's team was able to do last season, once Reimer made the starting job his own: After the all-star break, Toronto went 18-9-6 the rest of the season — the fourth-best record in the East over that span and ninth best in the league on a standings-points-per-game basis. Further proof can be found in the silver medal Wilson coached the upstart, youth-laden U.S. men's Olympic team to in 2010.

Funny how all the familiar and flimsy accusations that have dogged Wilson during his four-year Leafs stint — that he can't work with young kids, that players overall don't want to play for him — are nowhere to be found these days. Mikhail Grabovski looks like he'd walk through a wall made of razor blades for Wilson. Youngsters Jake Gardiner, Nikolai Kulemin and Carl Gunnarsson also look quite comfortable with Wilson calling the shots.

Could things go badly for him? Sure. But organizational stability is what Toronto needs right now. A new Wilson contract would be a stamp of approval for a coach whose players already have given it to him.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Pittsburgh	13	8	3	1	1	39	28	18	4-1-1-0	4-2-0-1	6-3-1-0	L1
d-Washington	10	8	2	0	0	40	27	16	6-0-0-0	2-2-0-0	8-2-0-0	W1
d-Toronto	11	7	3	1	0	36	35	15	5-0-1-0	2-3-0-0	6-3-1-0	L1
Ottawa	13	7	6	0	0	42	50	14	5-2-0-0	2-4-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Philadelphia	11	6	4	1	0	43	36	13	3-3-1-0	3-1-0-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Florida	11	6	4	0	1	29	29	13	2-1-0-1	4-3-0-0	5-4-0-1	L1
Carolina	12	5	4	2	1	32	37	13	3-1-0-1	2-3-2-0	5-3-1-1	W1
Buffalo	10	6	4	0	0	29	22	12	2-3-0-0	4-1-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	12	5	5	0	2	35	39	12	3-1-0-0	2-4-0-2	4-4-0-2	L1
NY Rangers	10	4	3	1	2	25	24	11	1-1-0-1	3-2-1-1	4-3-1-2	W1
Montreal	11	4	5	1	1	29	30	10	2-3-1-1	2-2-0-0	4-4-1-1	W1
New Jersey	9	4	4	0	1	20	24	9	2-1-0-1	2-3-0-0	4-4-0-1	L2
Winnipeg	11	4	6	0	1	30	39	9	2-2-0-0	2-4-0-1	4-5-0-1	W1
NY Islanders	9	3	4	1	1	18	23	8	3-2-1-0	0-2-0-1	3-4-1-1	L5
Boston	11	4	7	0	0	27	28	8	3-5-0-0	1-2-0-0	4-6-0-0	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Dallas	11	8	3	0	0	28	23	16	5-1-0-0	3-2-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
d-Chicago	11	7	2	0	2	37	29	16	5-0-0-2	2-2-0-0	7-1-0-2	W2
d-Edmonton	11	7	2	0	2	25	18	16	5-1-0-1	2-1-0-1	6-2-0-2	W5
Colorado	11	7	4	0	0	32	29	14	1-3-0-0	6-1-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
Los Angeles	11	6	3	1	1	26	22	14	3-2-0-0	3-1-1-1	5-3-1-1	L2
Minnesota	11	5	3	2	1	23	24	13	3-2-1-0	2-1-1-1	4-3-2-1	W2
San Jose	10	6	4	0	0	30	26	12	1-2-0-0	5-2-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Phoenix	10	5	3	0	2	30	30	12	3-2-0-1	2-1-0-1	5-3-0-2	W2
Nashville	11	5	4	1	1	28	31	12	2-2-0-1	3-2-1-0	4-4-1-1	L1
Anaheim	12	5	5	1	1	26	34	12	3-2-0-0	2-3-1-1	4-4-1-1	L3
Detroit	10	5	4	1	0	23	25	11	3-1-1-0	2-3-0-0	5-4-1-0	L5
Vancouver	11	5	5	0	1	31	33	11	3-2-0-1	2-3-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
St. Louis	11	5	6	0	0	28	31	10	2-1-0-0	3-5-0-0	5-5-0-0	L2
Calgary	9	4	4	1	0	22	23	9	3-2-1-0	1-2-0-0	4-4-1-0	W2
Columbus	12	2	9	0	1	28	40	5	2-3-0-1	0-6-0-0	2-7-0-1	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Boston 5 Ottawa 3
Carolina 4 Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 2 Detroit 1 (OT)
Washington 5 Anaheim 4 (OT)
Vancouver at Calgary

Monday Results
Winnipeg 4 Florida 3 (SO)
Chicago 5 Nashville 4 (OT)
N.Y. Rangers 5 San Jose 2

Tonight's games
Toronto at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Winnipeg at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

BRUINS 5, SENATORS 3

First Period
1. Ottawa, Foligno 3 (Da Costa, Butler) 5:19
2. Boston, Lucic 4 (Chara, Seidenberg) 7:12 (pp)
3. Ottawa, Da Costa 3 (Foligno, Neil) 7:28

Penalties — Gonchar Ott (hooking) 1:46, Konopka Ott, Thornton Bos (fighting) 5:23, Gonchar Ott (hooking) 5:31, Smith Ott (unsportsmanlike conduct), Campbell Bos (boarding, unsportsmanlike conduct) 7:40.

Second Period
4. Boston, Bergeron 3 (Seguin, Marchand) 4:21
5. Boston, Kelly 3 (Peverley, Chara) 18:00

Penalties — Spezza Ott (hooking) 6:30, Horton Bos (boarding) 11:32, Neil Ott (goaltender interference) 14:49, Neil Ott (slashing) 19:14.

Third Period
6. Ottawa, Cowen 1 (Neil, Foligno) 5:04
7. Boston, Boychuk 1 (Kelly, Caron) 6:41
8. Boston, Paille 2 (Thornton, Campbell) 7:18

Penalties — Marchand Bos (holding stick) 12:03, Smith Ott, Campbell Bos (fighting) 17:18, Neil Ott (boarding), Spezza Ott (holding) 19:47.

Shots on goal by

Ottawa	9	7	10	26
Boston	17	16	8	41

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (L,6-3-0); Boston: Thomas (W,4-4-0).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Ottawa: 0-3; Boston: 1-7.
Referees — Mike Hasenfratz, Ian Walsh.
Linesmen — Pierre Champoux, Bryan Pancich.
Att. — 17,565 (17,565) at Boston.

NFL

WEEK EIGHT

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	211	147
New England	5	2	0	.714	202	160
N.Y. Jets	4	3	0	.571	172	152
Miami	0	7	0	.000	107	166

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	5	3	0	.625	206	145
Tennessee	4	3	0	.571	139	145
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	98	163
Indianapolis	0	8	0	.000	121	252

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	176	139
Cincinnati	5	2	0	.714	171	123
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	185	110
Cleveland	3	4	0	.429	107	140

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	4	3	0	.571	161	159
Oakland	4	3	0	.571	160	178
Kansas City	4	3	0	.571	128	170
Denver	2	5	0	.286	133	200

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	174	164
Philadelphia	3	4	0	.429	179	152
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	156	162
Washington	3	4	0	.429	116	139

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	5	3	0	.625	260	189
Tampa Bay	4	3	0	.571	131	169
Atlanta	4	3	0	.571	158	163
Carolina	2	6	0	.250	187	207

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	0	0	1.000	230	141
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	239	147
Chicago	4	3	0	.571	170	150
Minnesota	2	6	0	.250	172	199

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	6	1	0	.857	187	107
Seattle	2	5	0	.286	109	162
St. Louis	1	6	0	.143	87	192
Arizona	1	6	0	.143	143	183

Byes: Atlanta, Chicago, Green Bay, N.Y. Jets, Oakland, Tampa Bay

Monday's result
Kansas City 23 San Diego 20 (OT)

Sunday's results
Tennessee 27 Indianapolis 10
St. Louis 31 New Orleans 21
Houston 24 Jacksonville 14
N.Y. Giants 20 Miami 17
Minnesota 24 Carolina 21
Baltimore 30 Arizona 27
Detroit 45 Denver 10
Buffalo 23 Washington 0
San Francisco 20 Cleveland 10
Cincinnati 34 Seattle 12
Pittsburgh 25 New England 17
Philadelphia 34 Dallas 7

SOCCER

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

All Times Eastern

FIRST ROUND

(home teams listed first)

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Bayern Munich	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Napoli	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Manchester City	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Villarreal	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

Tonight's games
Bayern Munich vs. Napoli, 3:45 p.m.
Villarreal vs. Manchester City, 3:45 p.m.

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Inter Milan	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
CSKA Moscow	3	1	1	1	7	5	4
Trabzonspor	3	1	1	1	2	4	4
Lille	3	0	2	1	3	4	2

Tonight's games
Trabzonspor vs. CSKA Moscow, 3:45 p.m.
Inter Milan vs. Lille, 3:45 p.m.

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Benfica	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Manchester United	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
FC Basel	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Otelul Galati	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

Tonight's games
Manchester United vs. Otelul Galati, 3:45 p.m.
Benfica vs. FC Basel, 3:45 p.m.

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Real Madrid	3	3	0	0	8	0	9
Ajax	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Lyon	3	1	1	1	2	4	4
Dinamo Zagreb	3	0	0	3	0	5	0

Tonight's games
Lyon vs. Real Madrid, 3:45 p.m.
Ajax vs. Dinamo Zagreb, 3:45 p.m.

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Chelsea	4	2	2	0	9	2	8
Bayer Leverkusen	4	2	0	2	5	6	6
Valencia	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
Genk	4	0	2	2	1	8	2

Yesterday's results
Genk (Belgium) 1 Chelsea (England) 1
Valencia (Spain) 3 Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 1

GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Arsenal	4	2	2	0	4	2	8
Marseille	4	2	1	1	4	1	7
Borussia Dortmund	4	1	1	2	3	7	4
Olympiakos	4	1	0	3	4	5	3

Yesterday's results
Arsenal (England) 0 Marseille (France) 0
Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1 Olympiakos (Greece) 0

GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
APOEL	4	2	2	0	6	4	8
Zenit St. Petersburg	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
FC Porto	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
Shakhtar Donetsk	4	0	2	2	4	6	2

Yesterday's results
APOEL (Cyprus) 2 Porto (Portugal) 1
Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 1 Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) 0

GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Barcelona	4	3	1	0	13	2	10
x-AC Milan	4	2	2	0	7	3	8
BATE Borisov	4	0	2	2	2	9	2
Viktoria Plzen	4	0	1	3	1	9	1

x — advances to second round.

Yesterday's results
BATE Borisov (Belarus) 1 AC Milan (Italy) 1
Viktoria Plzen (Czech Republic) 0 Barcelona (Spain) 4

MLS PLAYOFFS

All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SEMIFINALS

Sporting Kansas City vs. Colorado
Sunday's result
Kansas City 2 Colorado 0
Tonight's game
Colorado at Sporting Kansas City, 7 p.m.
Houston vs. Philadelphia
Sunday's result
Houston 2 Philadelphia 1
Tomorrow's game
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SEMIFINALS

Los Angeles vs. New York
Sunday's result
Los Angeles 1 New York 0
Tomorrow's game
New York at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.
Seattle vs. Real Salt Lake
Saturday's result
Real Salt Lake 3 Seattle 0

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday's results
Barnsley 2 Hull City 1
Burnley 1 Leicester City 3
Crystal Palace 0 Portsmouth 0
Doncaster Rovers 1 Middlesbrough 3
Millwall 3 Coventry City 0
Nottingham Forest 1 Reading 0
Southampton 2 Peterborough United 1
Watford 1 Brighton 0
West Ham United 0 Bristol City 0

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Winnipeg	17	10	7	0	408	402	20
x-Montreal	17	10	7	0	514	425	20
x-Hamilton	17	8	9	0	465	445	16
Toronto	17	5	12	0	364	482	10

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-B.C.	17	10	7	0	468	384	20
x-Edmonton	17	10	7	0	404	381	20
x-Calgary	17	10	7	0	481	452	20
Saskatchewan	17	5	12	0	326	459	10

x — clinched playoff berth.

WEEK 18
Sunday's result
Calgary 32 Montreal 27
Saturday's results
B.C. 29 Edmonton 20
Saskatchewan 19 Hamilton 3
Friday's result
Toronto 27 Winnipeg 22

WEEK 19
All Times Eastern
Thursday's game
Hamilton at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Saskatchewan at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 5
Winnipeg at Calgary, 4 p.m.
Montreal at B.C., 10 p.m.
END OF REGULAR SEASON

TENNIS

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At Valencia, Spain

Singles

First Round

David Ferrer (1), Spain, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 6-3, 6-2.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (2), France, def. Javier Marti, Spain, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Gael Monfils (3), France, def. Albert Montanes, Spain, 6-3, 6-1.

Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Nicolas Almagro (4), Spain, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Alexandr Dolgopolov (7), Ukraine, 6-3, 6-4.

Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-4.

Sam Querrey, U.S., def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 6-3, 6-4.

Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

Doubles

First Round

Kevin Anderson, South Africa, and John Isner, U.S., def. Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Horia Tecau (3), Romania, 7-6 (2), 6-4.

Marcelo Melo and Bruno Soares, Brazil, def. Roberto Bautista-Agut and Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-1, 6-0.

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Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

Kei Nishikori, Japan, def. Tomas Berdych (4), Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

James Blake, U.S., def. Mardy Fish (5), U.S., 0-1 (retired).

Michael Lammer, Switzerland, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-4, 6-3.

Stanislas Wawrinka, Switzerland, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 6-4, 6-4.

Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-3.

Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (5), 6-2.

Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, def. Michael Llodra, France, 7-5, 6-4.

Doubles

First Round

Robin Haase, Netherlands, and Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, and Frank Moser, Germany, 6-4, 6-4.

Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, and Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 6-3, 3-6, 10-5 (tiebreak).

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Engine

Very little has changed beneath the hood of both gasoline-engine Camrys, although Toyota now rates the standard-issue 178-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder at 8.2 l/100 km in the city and 5.6 on the highway, compared to the 2011 model's 9.0/6.0 numbers. Meanwhile, the carryover 268-horsepower 3.5-litre V-6 achieves a claimed 9.7/6.4 city/highway, compared with 10.6/6.8 before.

Interior

The interior is where this Camry makes a definitive statement. The organically-shaped dashboard presents a layered appearance and lacks the former droopy look.

As well, the dash and control panel's shiny bits added to up-level models are tastefully done. Buyers can now choose from four different upholstery finishes, depending on the model, from woven fabric on base models to leather with faux suede seat covers at the luxury end of the scale.

Gas-saving Hybrid

Easily the most impressive fuel-efficiency gain originates from the new Camry Hybrid. Toyota has installed a 156-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine that replaces the 147-horse 2.4-litre. The 2.5 functions in tandem with an electric motor. Most importantly, fuel-economy numbers improve to 4.5 l/100 km in the city and 4.9 highway, versus 5.7 city and highway for the 2011 Hybrid. Additionally, the more compact battery system located behind the rear seat means more trunk space.

▶ Certainly sporty for a Camry and not exactly a radical departure from the previous model. Toyota has never really needed to dramatically change the Camry formula to keep it on top.

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It has been a rocky road for the Toyota faithful as the company recovers from natural disaster and a rash of very public — and extensive — recalls that threw into question its normally cut-above-the-rest reputation.

So, the question is whether the new seventh-generation Camry and Camry Hybrid will get you down to the dealership to sign on the dotted line.

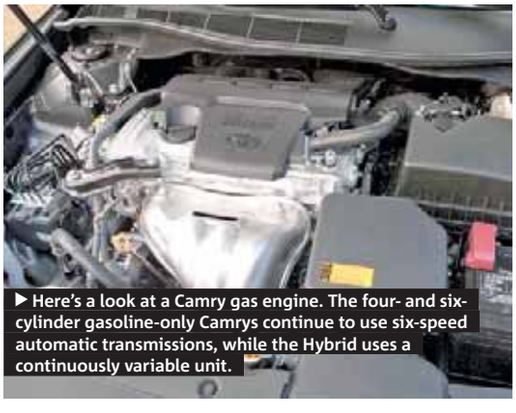
Honestly, it should, based on a number of key incremental improvements to fuel economy and interior quality in particular.

Despite the best efforts of the Honda Accord, Chevrolet Malibu and Hyundai Sonata, the Camry has owned the numero uno spot outright for the past decade.

And it has managed this feat by playing it safe with styling, steadily improving its safety and technology features and offering its loyal owners plenty of cabin comfort and refinement.

For 2012, the Camry's oh-so-subtle physical changes include a pointier front end, chiselled front fenders and an accent crease extending across the doors and fenders.

Compared to a similarly contented 2011 base model, the list price has been reduced by $1,600. You might consider that a return-to-full-strength bonus, however for the conservative Camry, saving money is always in fashion.



▶ Here's a look at a Camry gas engine. The four- and six-cylinder gasoline-only Camrys continue to use six-speed automatic transmissions, while the Hybrid uses a continuously variable unit.

▶ The much-improved cabin stands out against the previous models, but does it come out on top against the category's best newcomers?

Toyota Camry

What you should know about the 2012 Toyota Camry:

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engines (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (178); 3.5-litre DOHC V6 (268); 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (156) combined with 105-kilowatt electric motor (200 net combined).
- **Transmissions:** Six-speed automatic; continuously variable (Hybrid).
- **Market position:** Led by the Camry, mid-size sedans are the backbone of the auto industry.
- **Mileage:** l/100 km (city/hwy) 8.2/5.6 (2.5).

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Even Porsche is into saving fuel

New 911 Carrera boasts coasting function, among other features

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It's doubtful that fuel prices are the first thing people think about when they buy a sports car, but even automakers primarily concerned with performance need to worry about efficiency. One of the methods Porsche is using is its new coasting function.

It's found on the new 2012 Porsche 911 Carrera with automatic dual-clutch PDK transmission.

When you're cruising along in the top seventh gear and you don't need engine power, the system will temporarily go into neutral to conserve fuel.

"When you come off the gas (without the system) and there's engine braking, the car slows down because there's drag," says Laurance Yap, director of marketing for Porsche Canada. "This removes this effect and allows you to cruise at speed for quite a while, depending on what the conditions are."

The system is electronic and the gearshift lever doesn't move into neutral. If the driver puts his foot on the throttle, the engine hooks up again immediately.

"The car slows down a lot less than if you were to take your foot off the gas in a normal condition," Yap says. Since many drivers are on and off on the throttle on the highway, "it lets you conserve some of this kinetic energy rather than frittering it away with engine braking," he says.

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▶ In European testing, the 2012 Porsche 911 Carrera achieves 16.3 per cent better fuel economy than the previous model.

The engine doesn't stop running, but since it's not actively powering the wheels, it drops down to idle speed, reducing its fuel requirement.

The coasting function is one of several fuel-saving features on the redesigned 911 Carrera, along with lighter-weight construction, an auto-stop system that shuts off the gasoline engine when sitting at a light, an electrical system that captures braking energy, and low-rolling-resistance tires. The coasting function can generate fuel savings of 0.2 L/100 km, which isn't all that much on its own but which combines with other features to bring down fuel consumption. In European testing, the new model achieves 16.3 per cent better fuel economy than the previous 911 Carrera.

The new coasting function is part of the stop-stop function in the PDK transmission, and both can be shut off by the driver if preferred.

And while the driving experience is the top priority for most Porsche owners, Yap says they still think about fuel consumption.

"I think this efficiency is part of the 911 story," he says.

"The other reality is that whether buyers care or not, we have to do what we can to meet the consumption regulations as well, and all of this is part of that strategy."

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The envelope please.

No, not that one. It's from Parking Tag Operations and I don't need to see it. Yes, the other one, which reveals the "Best New" vehicles for 2012, as adjudicated by the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC).

Hopefully by now everyone is already well aware of AJAC's annual TestFest — one of the most unique and thorough "car of the year" evaluation programs on the planet. The 2012 model-year edition just wrapped up last week in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and if you scan the list of category winners, you'll notice that Korean and German brands dominate.

But there were many close races…

In Small Car Over $21K, winner Hyundai Elantra beat out second-place Ford Focus by only five points (695 vs. 690). Focus beat Elantra on several counts, notably cargo, acceleration and safety, but with an as-tested price several thousands of dollars above the Elantra, it couldn't overcome the price factor.

AJAC applies a price factor to each vehicle, on the assumption that a higher-priced vehicle should be better. The price factor is different for each category; it plays a bigger role in price-sensitive categories like compact, and less so in categories like luxury and prestige, etc.

On the podium for Family Car Over $30K were two hybrids, Optima and Sonata, and the electric Chevrolet Volt. The Volt garnered an almost perfect fuel score, and huge marks for engine smoothness, but with an as-tested price of $44,673, it was thousands more than both Korean hybrids.

Chrysler 300S trailed the Luxury winner, Mercedes-Benz C-Class C350 4Matic, by only four points. The 300S was surprisingly sporty, but so was the C350, which was also super solid in every other parameter.

Mercedes-Benz also won in Prestige (S Class S350 BlueTEC). But many journalists were mesmerized by third-place finisher, Jaguar XKR-S — the fastest and most powerful production sports car ever produced by Jaguar. Too narrowly focused and pricey, to prevail this year, but my goodness she flies and is easy on the eyes.

BMW I Series M Coupe had the biggest margin of victory of any category winner this year (16 points).

There were only three entries in the SUV Under $35 category this year, and all of them came from Chrysler. But Dodge Journey's win over Jeep Wrangler and Jeep Compass is not a shallow one — it achieved a relatively high SUV score (652).

In the SUV $35-$60K category, voters were clearly smitten with the styling and capability of the Range Rover Evoque, but the VW Touareg TDI prevailed with better cargo capacity and its super-stellar diesel powertrain.

Over in SUV Over $60K, BMW X3 beat out its next closest rival, Mercedes-Benz M Class, by only two points.

Two points was the same slim margin of victory for Hyundai Accent over Kia Rio5 in Small Car Under $21K.

They share a platform so we shouldn't be surprised that if one did well, the other would too.

Winners

AJAC "Best New" Category Winners for 2012

- **Small Car Under $21K**
  Hyundai Accent
- **Small Car Over $21K**
  Hyundai Elantra
- **Family Car Under $30K**
  Kia Optima LX
- **Family Car Over $30K**
  Hyundai Sonata Hybrid
- **Luxury Car**
  Mercedes-Benz C-Class C350 4Matic
- **Sports & Performance Under $50K**
  Hyundai Veloster
- **Sports & Performance Over $50K**
  BMW 1 Series M Coupe
- **Prestige Over $75K**
  Mercedes-Benz S-Class S350 BlueTEC 4Matic
- **SUV Under $35K**
  Dodge Journey
- **SUV Over $35-60K**
  VW Touareg TDI
- **SUV Over $60K**
  BMW X3

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▶ The BMW 1 Series M Coupe won Best New Sports/Performance Car over $50,000 in AJAC's TestFest 2012 Canadian Car of the Year Awards last week.

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▶ The 2012 Jaguar XKR-S was one of the cars that was evaluated at TestFest. It was classified in the Best New Prestige Car Over $75,000 category.

Voting for the MVP

TestFest enables journalists to determine Car of the Year

DAVID SINGH
METRO DRIVE EDITOR

Chances are you've come across the title before. Whether it's in a television commercial, a newspaper, or on the Internet, you've probably seen a vehicle that's been coined the Canadian Car of the Year.

But have you ever wondered how cars attain such an honour?

An award that is certainly earned, the Car of the Year is determined by members of the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC). Over 70 of those journalists were in Niagara-on-the-Lake last week to take part in TestFest, an annual event that allows the media to vote on the best new vehicles available to Canadian consumers.

According to Jacques Deshaies, a director on the Canadian Car of the Year Awards committee, TestFest provides an opportunity for effective evaluation of new vehicles because of the large number of journalists that attend.

"There are car launches during the year for new products, but a manufacturer will only invite a few journalists to the launches," Deshaies said. "Here at TestFest you have all the (certified) Canadian auto journalists in the same place, on the same week, at the same time."

At TestFest the vehicles are put through a thorough evaluation system by journalists. AJAC members will compare each vehicle in its class, one-by-one, until every car has been driven.

The same routes — public roads included — must be used for each vehicle in a category, while testing rules are consistent from year to year so consumers can get an accurate portrait of how a car compares to previous models.

The media use a detailed rating form that judges various aspects of a vehicle, from exterior styling right down to braking feel and effectiveness. And these ratings are taken seriously, as accounting firm KPMG tabulates the ballots.

Deshaies says TestFest is a valuable learning ground for the auto manufacturers, who will see what is liked on their vehicles and what isn't.

"It provides feedback for everybody — the manufacturer and the customer," he said.

"It's important for the customer. If you go to shop for a new car, for example, and you have two or three choices, if one of them won the Canadian Car of the Year Award, you will probably consider that there are some reasons that this car is better than others."

While the top vehicles in each of the 11 categories were announced on Friday, the overall 2012 Canadian Car of the Year has already been voted on by AJAC members and will be unveiled at the Toronto Auto Show in February.

Vote of confidence

- The Chevrolet Cruze was named the 2011 Canadian Car of the Year during this year's Toronto Auto Show.
- While GM does not have specific sales numbers for the Cruze that can be attributed to its award, Faye Roberts, communications director, GM of Canada, says the stamp of approval has been a huge boost for the manufacturer.
- "It's very energizing for the organization," Roberts said. "It gives that much more coverage to the vehicle and our research shows it does drive traffic to the dealership to have a look at this vehicle that was honoured this way."
- Roberts says it's something GM proudly includes in its advertisements.
- "We see the win as a vote of confidence because it is the reflection of the opinion of the very knowledgeable product journalists here in Canada," she said.
- "We would use that in our advertising, showing customers that this is a vehicle that they should consider and add to their list when they're out shopping."

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Don't forget the foliage

Autumn leaves can present different driving hazards

Autumn is the picture-perfect time of year when many drivers take to the road to view the fall colours. The leaves are beautiful to see, but when wet or in piles on the roads, they present driving hazards unique to the season.

Most motorists know that puddles or standing water can cause loss of control, and they adjust their driving accordingly. But fewer drivers, especially inexperienced ones or drivers new to an area with heavy foliage, are aware of the dangers of wet leaves.

A single layer of wet leaves can make braking, steering and stopping difficult. This effect is particularly dangerous at intersections and is intensified at downhill stop signs. Acceleration can be affected, too. Fishtailing can result on leaf-strewn highway entrance ramps and other areas where hard accelerations may be necessary.

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As a general rule, tires should be rotated and balanced every 10,000 kilometres.

Even when dry, leaves can present a challenge. Piles of leaves can obscure potholes, curbs and street markings and even present a fire hazard should leaves contact a hot muffler or tailpipe.

"Add these hazards to the fact that road conditions can change from ideal to miserable in a matter of minutes, and what you have is a potentially dangerous situation," said Patty Kettles, manager, marketing and communications, Be Car Care Aware.

Drivers are reminded of the hazard and should prepare for fall driving conditions by having their vehicles' tires, brakes and wipers checked before heading out on the road.

Tires can affect the car's ride, handling, traction and safety, and are a critical connection between the car and the road in all types of driving conditions. To maximize tire life and safety, check the inflation pressure and the tread depth, and inspect the sidewalls for cracks or punctures.

The brake system is the car's most important safety system. Brakes are a normal wear item for any car, and brake linings, drums and rotors, as well as brake fluid, should be checked at each oil change.

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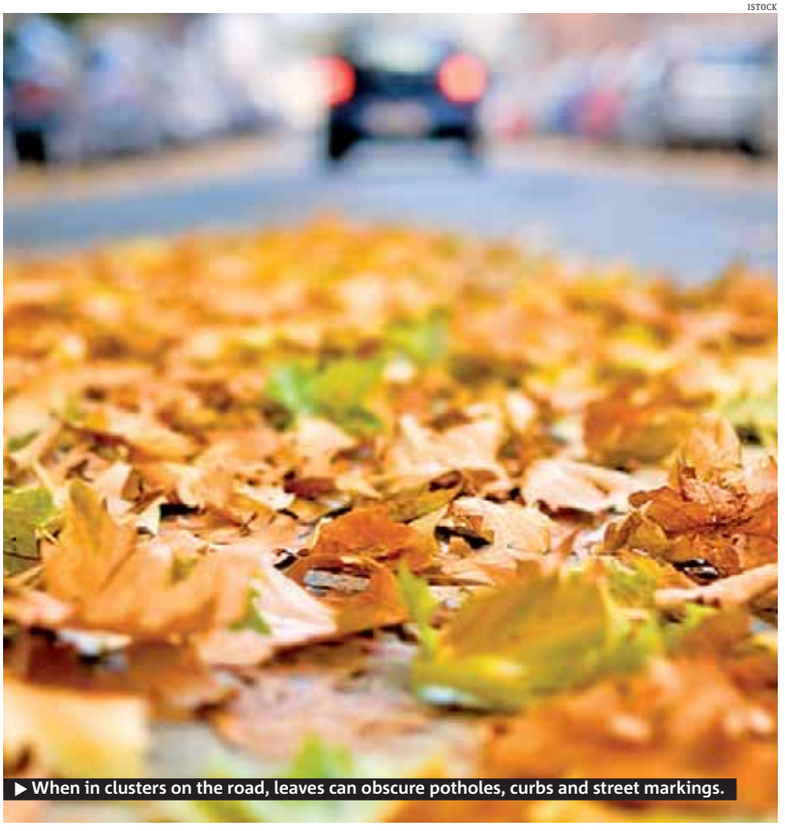

▶ When in clusters on the road, leaves can obscure potholes, curbs and street markings.

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It's a five-seat compact ute that was available with four or six-cylinder power.

Sizing was in roughly the same ballpark as the Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4 and Ford Escape.

The second-generation Sportage's lifespan on our shores ran from model years 2005 to 2009, with a mandatory makeover and refresh part way through.

2005 to '09 Kia Sportage

Engine

Look for a two-litre, 140-horsepower four-cylinder or a 2.7-litre V-6 with 173. Automatic or manual transmissions and front or four-wheel drive were available.

What owners like

Sportage owners enjoy a sturdy ride, compact handling and parking dynamics, confidence on slippery roads and plenty of real-world versatility. Overall interior and exterior styling are also rated highly, as is fuel efficiency with the four-cylinder engine.

What owners dislike

Complaints tend to centre mainly around poor engine performance, bare-bones equipment levels on low-end models, and excessive wind-noise at higher speeds.

Common issues

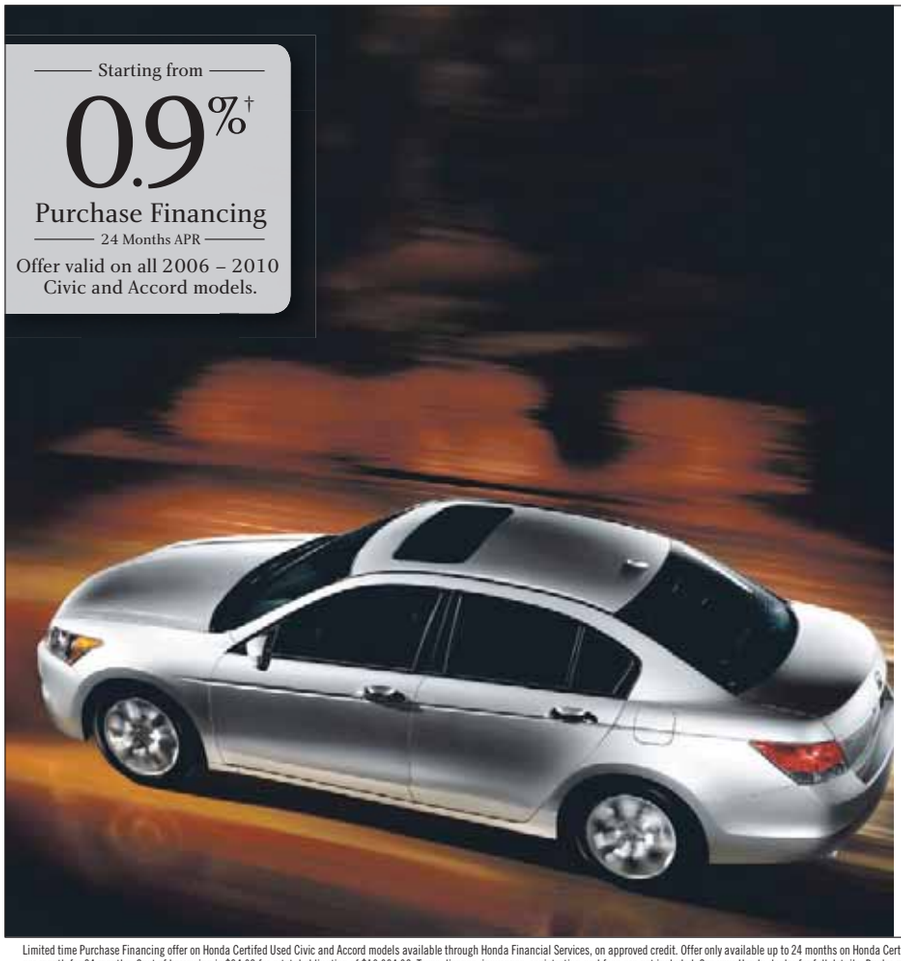
Ensure the cruise control and air conditioning work properly.

If the engine seems to "sputter" or deliver power in a "lumpy" fashion, the culprit could be a clogged fuel filter or a bad engine control sensor. Note that a mechanic can scan the engine computer for potential engine sensor issues.

Models with the automatic transmission that shift harshly or abruptly could be suffering from a computer-related problem as well.

Verdict

Where reliability is concerned, the Sportage looks like a solid second-hand bet. Thanks to relatively low resale values, one won't be required to sever an appendage when it comes time to pay.



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The Volt's true colours

How does Chevrolet's much-hyped car fare on real roads?

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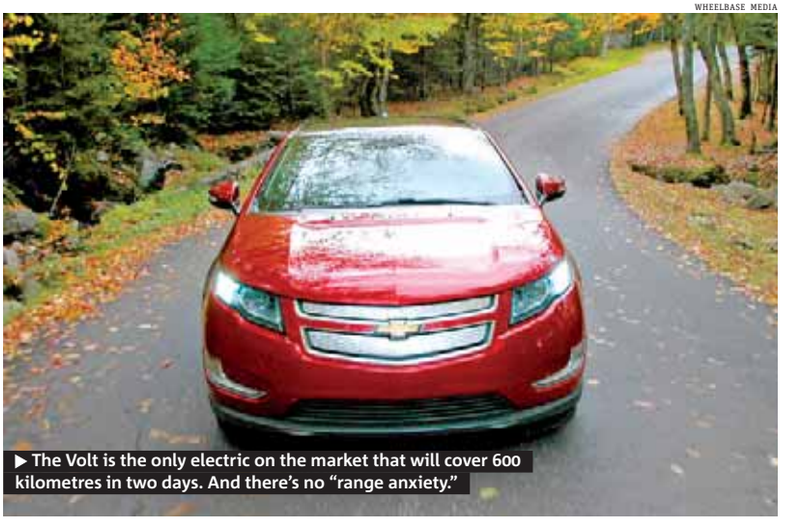

▶ The Volt is the only electric on the market that will cover 600 kilometres in two days. And there's no "range anxiety."

I hate to see the end of summer. Days grow shorter and thoughts of winter weather fouling my ability to putter with a car in the driveway after work have a haunting effect.

But one consolation of the onset of winter is autumn, when skies are clear, humidity is a memory and leaves on the trees flash the countryside into a pallet of colours that takes the breath away.

This autumn I decided to treat my wife, Lisa Calvi, to a Fall Colours road trip and what better place to do it than New England, where back roads and small towns are alive with crisp mornings and splendid fall foliage.

And what better car to drive than a 2012 Chevy Volt, the electric vehicle Chevy is just rolling out in Canada.

It would also be a chance to see if this car, with its so-called "extended-range" capability, can cut it on a backcountry road trip. The meandering route would run about 600 kilometres from Burlington, Vt., to Bar Harbor, Me. There were a few kilometres of Interstate, but the Volt would spend most of its time on secondary roads.

The basis of Volt's mobility is no secret. It's powered by a 149-horse electric motor. The large T-shaped battery below the floor provides enough juice to get the stylish four-passenger sedan about 65 kilometres, at which point an onboard 1.4-litre gasoline engine fires up to generate the electricity to extend the range another 500-plus kilometres (the Volt costs about $42,500 to start).

Although the system adds significant weight and cost to the car, this is somewhat offset by the elimination of that nasty side effect other electric vehicles are cursed with: range anxiety. No pesky feelings in the pit of your stomach that you are running out of propulsion and the only way to get it back is to find a place to plug in and wait hours until the battery is recharged.

Fact is the Volt's main competitor, the Nissan Leaf, would never be able to take a 600-kilometre two-day road trip because it would require about three full days of charging using a household plug-in.

Lisa and I fly into Burlington, Vt., and pick up the Crystal Red Volt. It's fully charged and we drive to Topnotch Resort in Stowe, Vt., on electric power. it's peppy, quiet, comfortable and handles surprisingly well on the back roads.

That night, after plugging into a 110-volt outlet in the parking lot, we discuss our options over a romantic dinner. Neither of us has ever driven to the top of New Hampshire's Mount Washington, although I've seen those "This car climbed Mount Washington" bumper stickers for decades.

The next morning we pass on the many activities available at the cosy Topnotch Resort. So much for the horseback riding, fall hikes, the corn maze or getting pampered at the resort's full service spa.

We're off and half way to our overnight destination I realize the Volt's gas-powered generator has taken over and I didn't even notice.

Turn down the prerequisite road-trip companion XM Radio and I can hear the engine slightly at times.

The next day, we need to drive about 350 kilometres to get to Bar Harbor on the Atlantic Ocean.

Who cares if we can only get half way up Mount Washington because of freezing rain and icy roads? Who cares if the sun is not shining and Hurricane Irene has ransacked the fall foliage? The Volt has taught this old road warrior a thing or two about the future.

Chevy's answer to the Little Black Dress of vehicles, the Volt, makes it possible to be environmentally conscious, cut down on fossil-fuel consumption and not need a second car when the call of the open road needs answering.

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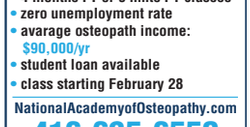

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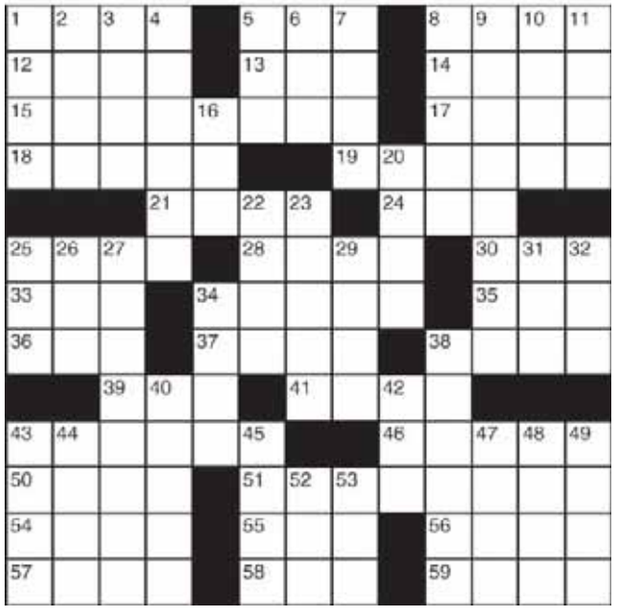

Across

1 — and crafts
5 Life story, for short
8 Rim
12 Jump
13 Toss in
14 Caboose's position
15 Excited commotion
17 Muhammad and Laila
18 TV oldie, "Kate & —"
19 Used-car deal, e.g.
21 Small barrel
24 Kitten's call
25 Snatch
28 Places
30 Carte lead-in
33 Tackle moguls
34 Gold measure
35 In medias —
36 Crony
37 Basin accessory
38 Pelican's pride
39 Indivisible
41 Mimic
43 Ivanhoe's love
46 Bra seller's mannequin
50 "Sad to say, ..."
51 Lunchbox item, often
54 Catcher's aid
55 Snoop
56 Run-down residential area
57 Cookware
58 Moment
59 "Desire Under the —"

Down

1 Actress Jessica
2 Actual
3 Lofty
4 Repair, as film
5 Scrooge's cry
6 Altar affirmative
7 Smell
8 Obliterate
9 First State
10 Author Sheehy
11 Gaelic
16 Verily
20 Send out
22 Cabbage salad
23 "M*A*S*H" setting
25 Recipe meas.
26 Alias (Abbr.)
27 Electric power unit
29 Complain repeatedly
31 Meadow
32 Request
34 Acute
38 Shop aimlessly
40 Birds' homes
42 Schedule abbr.
43 Freeway access
44 Hodgepodge
45 Venomous vipers
47 Streamlet
48 Icky pond surface
49 Resistance units
52 Exist
53 Big Apple letters

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

		2		9			3	
						6		
5	9	8	3	4				1
2		6	1			3		
				3				
		7			4	2		8
1				2	9	5	7	6
		4						
	5			7		1		

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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2	8	5	7	6	9	4	1	3
8	4	6	9	7	1	5	3	2
5	1	3	6	2	8	7	4	9
9	2	7	4	5	3	6	8	1
6	3	2	8	9	4	1	7	5
4	5	1	2	3	7	9	6	8
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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Don't give away what should remain yours.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Cosmic activity in your opposite sign encourages you to accept that other people's opinions and your opinions differ in legitimate ways.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 atch out you don't get carried away with your own brilliance today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Today's cosmic developments will do wonders for your confidence and encourage you to believe that anything is possible.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may not be the most emotional member of the zodiac but you will feel deeply for someone today.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There is a danger that in your eagerness to get ahead and get the most from each and every situation you will overlook some small but important detail.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 It's not like you to be free and easy with money but you are in one of those moods where you really don't care

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You need a challenge that will bring out the best in you

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 There is no limit to what you can accomplish now

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 What happens over the next two or three days will open your eyes to new possibilities

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FlexChoice Financing offered by TD in Quebec is subject to different terms and conditions. All advertised FlexChoice Financing offers are TD offers. Delivery and destination fees (up to $1,650), other fees ($345), OMVIC fee, Environmental Fee and A/C tax (where applicable) are included. Taxes, licence, insurance, registration, excess mileage, wear and tear charges, any retailer administration fees and other applicable fees and charges are not included. FlexChoice Financing is provided on approved credit through TD Financing Services. Your Option Plate is set out on your TD Financing Services Payment Advantage Loan Certificate (the "Certificate"), which contains the terms and conditions governing your Return Value Option. If you exercise your Return Value Option, a return fee of $399 must be paid by you (not applicable in the province of Quebec) and you will be responsible for excess kilometre charges, excess wear and tear, and any other amounts as specified in your Certificate. The remaining loan balance will be subject to then-applicable TD Financing Services rates and fees. Retailers may sell for less. See participating retailers for complete details. Representative example based on 2012 Sportage (SP55TC) 2012 Rio5 (RO55TC) with a purchase price of $23,779/$15,584, financed at 2.49%/2.9% APR over 48 months with $0 down. Bi-weekly payments of $154/$114 for a cost of borrowing of $2,623/$1,211 and a total obligation of $24,902/$16,795. Includes delivery and destination fees of $1,650/$1,455, other fees ($345), OMVIC fee, Environmental Fee and A/C tax ($900, where applicable) are included. Licence, insurance, applicable taxes, PPSA, dealer administration fees of up to $699 and registration fees are extra. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. 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